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MUSSOLINI REPLIES TO ROOSEVELT

ROME, May 19 (Reuter)—Signor Mussolini has replied to President Roosevelt's peace message.

There is at present no indication of the nature of the reply but it is learned that Mussolini does not commit himself.

NO POLITICAL COMMENT

Special to H.K. Daily Press—ROME, May 19 (Havas)—The Vatican's semi-official paper, Osservatore Romano appeared today without any comment on the political situation. The paper devoted all its columns to political problems.

Foreign observers consider the Holy See is making the concession for keeping good relations with the Italian Government.

It will be recalled that several issues of the Osservatore Romano was bought out by the Fascist authorities.

Severe Air Fight Over Chengtu

CHUNGKING, May 19 (Reuter)—A severe aerial engagement took place above Chengtu yesterday evening when Japanese aircraft in three groups bombed the outskirts of the city.

Details of the air battle are not available here but damage caused by the Japanese bombing of the western and southern outskirts is reported to be slight.

A fourth group of Japanese bombers is reported to have attacked Liangshan, to the north-west of Chungking.

CHINESE OPEN FIRE

Central News states the first squadron of nine machines flew over the city at 8.30 p.m. on Saturday and dropped bombs at a point west of the city.

The second squadron broke into the city limits at 9.30 p.m. Chinese anti-aircraft guns opened fire and pursuit planes went up to engage them.

The third squadron of 13 machines failed to locate Chengtu. They were driven back by Chinese pursuit planes after flying into Szechwan province.

BELGIAN RED CROSS FUND

The Hongkong Belgian residents and the friends of Belgium have, certainly, realized the great needs and hardships Belgium is suffering as a result of the unprovoked German aggression.

A fund has been opened in Hongkong, at the Banque Belge pour l'Etranger, (E.O.) under the name of Belgian Red Cross Fund, in order to try and collect donations to be remitted to that organization, as has been done in Shanghai by the Belgian Embassy. Donations can be made either to the Banque Belge pour l'Etranger, (E.O.), 4A Des Voeux Road Central, or to the Belgian Consulate General, second floor, French Bank Building, 5 Queen's Road Central, and will be gratefully received.

B.E.F. WOUNDED BACK HOME

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter)—The British Expeditionary Force wounded arrived last night on a hospital boat and are taken to Birmingham.

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter)—Lord Tryon has been appointed First Commissioner of Works and Mr. Frederick Montague Minister of Transport.



Italy: "Long live England and Italy!"
Germany: "Who?"
Italy: "I still don't know yet."—(Karikatur, Istanbul).

\$1,827 MILLION TO BE PROVIDED IMMEDIATELY FOR ARMY IN AMERICA

WASHINGTON, May 19 (Reuter)—The Senate Appropriations Sub-Committee, working with rare speed, has approved the \$1,827,000,000 Army Supply Bill carrying the Army's share of the Defence Fund proposed by President Roosevelt.

The Sub-Committee provided that the money should be made available immediately instead of on July 1 as most of the appropriations specify.

The House Naval Affairs Committee has tentatively approved of legislation broadly empowering the President to ignore the wage hour regulations and similar Federal laws in order to hasten the building of warships and planes for the Navy.

The State Department announced that aeroplanes and munitions, valued at over \$15,000,000 were shipped to Britain and France in April the heaviest shipping since January.

U.S. FLEET ACTIVE

HONOLULU, May 18 (Havas)—The U.S. Fleet in Hawaiian waters was busy yesterday on operations involving several isolated islands in the group.

Aeroplanes and surface craft were observed, and from the nearest observation point it seemed as though one section of the fleet was pretending to attack the other to defend, the Hawaiian Islands.

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HEAVY FIGHTING IN GUISE AND LANDRECIES AREA: BRITISH TROOPS HOLD POSITIONS DESPITE STRONG PRESSURE

ISTANBUL, May 19 (Reuter)—The American Colony of about 300 with several women and children are departing for the United States on the advice of the American Embassy here.

In addition to the permanent American community here there are a considerable number of technicians at work in remote regions whose numbers cannot be ascertained at present.

Arrangements for their evacuation are understood to have been completed.

NO WARNING

LONDON, May 18 (Havas)—An official of the United States Embassy told newsmen today that "no sort of warning has been issued yet" to American citizens in Britain to leave for home.

The Embassy, acting on instructions from Washington, has merely advised them to leave.

JAPANESE TO SAIL FROM LIVERPOOL

TOKYO, May 19 (Reuter)—Seventeen wives and children of members of the Japanese Embassy staff in London are leaving Liverpool for Japan by the middle of June in view of the tense situation in Europe, according to information reaching Tokyo.

INTERNATIONAL LAWLESSNESS UNPARALLELED IN HISTORY

NEW YORK, May 19 (Reuter)—A grave-faced crowd, many in tears, were present at the dedication of the Belgian Pavilion at the World's Fair.

Governor Lehman declared: "We are faced with international lawlessness unparalleled in history. Because of the ambition and greed of a power-crazed tyrant the very existence of civilisation is threatened and the safety of every nation and individual is in jeopardy."

PARIS, May 19 (Reuter)—Prince Bernhardt, husband of Princess Juliana, is now in Paris.

New Type Of Bombing Plane

BALTIMORE, May 19 (Reuter)—The Glen Martin Aeroplane Company has announced that specifications for a new type of bombing plane have been completed.

The Anglo-French Purchasing Commission have agreed to take every one turned out in the next 18 months though it is specified exceptions on delivery to the Allies would be necessary if the United States Government called for these aircraft.

Nine Hurricanes Shoot Down Ten Junkers In One Engagement

EXTENSIVE OPERATIONS ALONG AREA OF NAMUR FRONT TEAR UP ROADS AND RAILWAY COMMUNICATIONS

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter)—It is officially announced that nine Hurricane fighters shot down ten Junker dive-bombers in one engagement in France yesterday. Twenty enemy bombers were seen circling over a wood, and the leading section of Hurricanes dived to attack while the other two remained above, on guard. When they saw that no escort protected the bombers, they too came down to join the fight.

EXTENSIVE OPERATIONS CONTINUED

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter)—The Air Ministry announces that in an area north-west of Namur, extensive operations were carried out on Friday night on road and rail communications used by the enemy's advancing columns.

Bridges and railway tracks were hit, aerodromes were bombed and a large supply convoy was damaged by machine-gun fire. Intense air activity continues over the fighting front.

In an engagement over France yesterday, nine Hurricanes shot down ten dive-bombers without loss. A Blenheim aircraft, while over Bergen, shot down a Messerschmitt 110, which crashed on the mountain side. A Hudson aircraft, while patrolling over the North Sea, attacked a convoy of merchant ships with bombs and one enemy vessel was damaged.

FRENCH USING 75-TON TANKS

The Germans appear to be using flame-throwing tanks as well as tanks whose armour is apparently able to withstand the usual anti-tank guns.

But the French have a reply.

They have brought up their famous 75's and are using them with great effect against the 70-ton German tanks in some cases at ranges as close as a hundred yards.

WHOLE OF HOLLAND IN NAZI HANDS

BERLIN, May 19 (Reuter)—A High Command communiqué issued from Hitler's headquarters says:

"Now that the last resistance on the island of Walcheren has been broken the whole of Holland, with all her islands, is in German hands."

In northern Belgium our troops, after the occupation of Antwerp, are pushing the enemy, who are fighting tenaciously, further back to the west. To the west of Antwerp the Schelde has been crossed. Between Maubeuge and Kafele (?) the attack is continued.

"The Sambre and Oise have been crossed and Le Cateau and St. Quentin are in German hands."

"In the southern sector strong German units reached the region of north Laon and Aisne, near Rethel."

MAGNOT LINE

"During the engagements north-west of Montmedy, the strong fortified position No. 505 of the Magnot Line, was captured."

"So far, 110,000 prisoners of war have been counted, excluding the Dutch Army and also numerous guns."

"Off the French coast a 6,000-ton cargo ship was sunk and a destroyer seriously damaged."

"The enemy lost 127 planes of which 47 were shot down during air combats, and 13 by anti-aircraft fire the remainder being destroyed on the ground. Twenty-seven German planes are missing."

DEFENDERS OF NAMUR

OSTEND, May 19 (Reuter)—Another message from King Leopold of the Belgians to the defenders of Namur is identical with the one broadcast yesterday and transmitted by the Belgian Radio this morning.

Afterwards the announcer said that the defenders of Namur who were beating back the armed enemy's attacks were rendering invaluable service to the country's defence.

ANTWERP TAKEN

BERLIN, May 19 (Reuter)—The High Command says the German war flag is flying on the Antwerp town hall.

AIR RAID NEAR PARIS

PARIS, May 19 (Reuter)—An air raid was carried out in the Paris district last evening. Two flights of eight planes participated, and four were brought down.

In the World of Sports

OVER 100 MEMBERS TAKE PART IN LAST SHOOT OF SEASON

String Of Ten Bulls For Hale At 200 Yards

Over 100 members took part in the last shoot of the season yesterday morning. Shooting conditions were almost ideal and some good scores were made, including three possibles in range scores. This was a record for this season. C/Sgt. Hale of 1/Mx. started it by getting a lovely string of 10 bulls in succession at 200 yards. Both Capt. Le Seclieur, R.E. and Bandmaster Kifford, 1/Mx. continued the movement at 500 yards by each securing a possible.

A very interesting programme was arranged by the H.K.N.V.F. under the auspices of the H.K.R.A. and the following were the winners of the prizes given by them.

Team Shoot: 1st Royal Engineers Rifle Club 520 points. 2nd Royal Air Force 515 points.

S.R. (b) Nett Score 1st Capt. Le Seclieur, R.E. 96, on a count-out. 2nd C/Sgt. Hale, 1/Mx. 99.

S.R. (a) Nett Score 1st W.O. Tullison, R.A.F. 89; 2nd R.S.M. Maslen, R.E. 88.

Range Spoons: 200-Yards S.R. (b) C/Sgt. Hale 50; S.R. (a) W.O. Tullison 45. 500 Yards S.R. (b) B.M. Kifford 50. Capt. Le Seclieur 50. S.R. (a) L/Sgt. O'M'Leary 44. Capt. Le Seclieur having won two spoons was debarr'd from a third prize.

Sealed Envelope Spoons: S.R. (b) Q.M.S. Hargreaves, H.K.V.D.C. 6 Mapples. For the competitor who had most mapples. S.R. (a) Pte. Booker. For the competitor who scored half the winning score.

Claybird: Single Open, Lt. Ashby 1st R.N. Capt. Trevor, 2nd H.K.V.D.C. Doubles, 1st Lt. Ashby, R.N. 2nd Cmdr. Mottague, R.N. Handicap, 1st Lt. O'Way, R.E. 2nd Capt. Newton, 1/Mx.

Revolver: Sgt. Gowans, H.K.P. H.K.R.A. Handicap spoons were won by Sgt. G. Perkins, H.K.P. F/O J. Farmer, R.A.F. and V. J. Smith, D.R.C. for S.R. (b), and by Pte. A. M. Xavier, H.K.V.D.C. Pte. V. A. da Cruz-Sequeira, H.K.V.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Capt. F. Sale, A.R.C. the Hon. Secretary H.K.R.A. stated that the meeting concluded the shooting season, and thanked all members for their hearty co-operation in helping the officials to organise the various shoots. He then asked Mrs. Petrie, wife of Commander J. Petrie, Commandant of the H.K.N.V.F. to present the prizes. A very successful meeting terminated with three hearty cheers for Mrs. Petrie.

LEADING SCORES

The following were the leading scores:—

S.R. (b)

Hyp 200 500 TL	
Capt. A. J. Le Seclieur	Scr. 48 50 96*
C/Sgt. P. Hale	50 48 98*
Sgt. G. E. Broese	41 48 89
Sgt. A. Perkins	3 45 48 93*
Lt. G. E. Dawson	1 44 48 92
B/M. W. Kifford	Scr. 41 50 91*
Sgt. F. E. Russell	48 45 91
Mr. W. Trenouth	44 46 90
Mr. J. A. Guard	44 46 90
2/Lt. T. D. Hunter	3 45 48 90
S/Lt. A. C. Chalmers	Scr. 45 45 90
Mr. A. F. Evans	48 44 90
Capt. F. P. Sequeira	43 46 89
Lt. C. E. O'Way	43 46 89
Sgt. P. H. Thong	43 48 91
Sgt. K. C. Wong	44 44 88
Gnr. E. Laidau	Nil 43 87
A/Sgt. J. Farmer	44 44 87
A/Sgt. D. Loh	Scr. 44 43 87
S/Lt. G. J. P. Carey	Scr. 41 45 86
Lt. A. H. Henly	Nil 41 85
Cpl. S. G. Brightly	Scr. 39 46 85
Mr. E. J. Mitchell	5 39 45 84
Sgt. W. Gowans	3 39 45 84
L/Sgt. W. Henderson	2 43 41 84
Walter White	1 41 42 83
Capt. R. T. Guscott	1 41 42 83
Mr. W. L. Peckham	3 42 41 83
Mr. V. J. Smith	8 41 41 82*
Sgt. F. Roberts	Scr. 42 40 82
Mr. G. B. Giles	2 38 43 81
Mr. H. J. S. Blake	Scr. 41 41 81
A/Sgt. C. Foreman	2 41 40 81
Capt. F. Sale	3 39 40 80
Sgt. E. G. Bremner	4 37 41 78

S.R. (a)

W.O.F. Tullison	4 45 44 89
R.S.M. F. Maslen	2 43 43 86
Pte. A. M. Xavier	8 41 44 85*
Mr. R. Tyemouth	5 42 43 85
Cpl. R. Langford	Scr. 42 43 85
Pte. V. A. da Cruz-Sequeira	6 42 43 85*
Mr. R. M. Medhurst	8 42 42 84*
L/Sgt. J. D. Remedios	5 43 41 84
Pte. J. Scott	7 40 43 83*
Cpl. J. Berry	6 40 43 83
L/Sgt. W. R. Nunn	4 44 39 83
Lt. (Sgt.) N. L. Pan	5 42 40 82
Mr. V. R. J. Merrett	6 38 43 81
Lt. Col. L. A. Rosario	10 40 41 81*
Pte. L. W. Allo	6 43 38 81
L/Sgt. O. T. Leong	4 38 44 80
C.R.M. J. C. E. Mead	3 37 43 80
Sgt. J. R. Wall	4 37 43 80
Cpl. J. Baker	Scr. 38 42 80
Cpl. W. J. Gash	6 41 39 80

*Winner of Possible Button.
*Winner of Handicap Spoon.
*Winner of Spoon will have his handicap reduced by a point.

U.S. Baseball Results

NEW YORK, May 19 (Reuter).—The following are the results of League baseball matches played yesterday:

NATIONAL

Chicago	R. H. E.	4 8 1
New York		6 11 1
St. Louis		6 7 0
(Moore 2, Mize 2, Medwick homered.)		
Brooklyn		2 7 0
Pittsburgh		5 10 4
(Pwoner homered.)		
Boston		15 2 3
(West, Ross homered.)		
Cincinnati		3 7 1
Philadelphia		8 14 0

AMERICAN

New York	R. H. E.	3 11 0
(Pearson pitched; Henrichs homered.)		
Chicago		0 2 1
Philadelphia		6 7 5
(Johnson, Hayes homered.)		
Detroit		8 9 0
(Higgins homered.)		
Washington		3 7 0
(Lewis homered.)		
Cleveland		2 7 2

HEEP YUNN SCHOOL CEREMONY

The C. M. S. Heep Yunn School celebrated its third anniversary on Saturday in spite of the inclement weather. A large gathering of friends and relations of the pupils was present.

The ceremonies included the unveiling of the portraits of the first two headmistresses of the school in the 1880's. A prayer was said by the Rt. Rev. R. O. Hall, Bishop of Hongkong, who is also the chairman of the school council.

PHYSICAL DISPLAY

The unveiling of the two portraits, in equal positions of honour, symbolises the uniting of the two schools in 1937 to form the Heep Yunn School.

Subsequently, a new tennis court was formally declared open by Mr. Loh Chun-tong, Director of Education in Kwangtung Province. This was followed by an expert display of physical training exercises by the pupils of the school.

FINE START GIVEN TO BASEBALL SEASON

Magnificent Rally By Mindanao In Match Against Brewers

After leading throughout the game, U.S.S. MINDANAO staged a magnificent rally in their half of the last innings to nose out H.K. BREWERY by seven runs to six to open the 1940 baseball season in fine style.

"Red" Keplinger and Belke formed an effective battery for Mindanao, Keplinger striking out six batters to his opponent "Slim" Arculli's two.

The losers outthit the winners by one to eight and also misused one time loss, four to five. There were not many big hits, three baggers being scored by D. Leonard (H.K.B.) and Todd and Padgett for Mindanao.

The Brewers had played head-up ball after the second stanza, in which the sailors crossed the home plate three times, and blanked the latter for the rest of the game until the end of the last canto when they totted in the necessary four runs to register an unexpected, but well-deserved, victory.

The following are the detailed scores of the match:—

BOX SCORES

HB	ab r h po a e	
Souza 2b	4 1 1 1 1 1	
All 1f	2 0 0 3 0 0	
Gosano 3b	2 1 0 0 2 1	
D. Leonard ss	4 2 3 2 2 1	
S. Leonard cf	2 0 1 4 0 0	
Omar rf	1 0 0 0 0 0	
Bux 2f	2 0 0 0 0 0	
Arculli p	4 0 1 1 1 0	
Wingless c	4 0 1 3 0 1	
T. Leonard 1b	2 2 2 5 0 0	

Runs 2 1 1 2 0 0 0 6
Hits 1 2 1 3 1 0 1 9

MINDANAO ab r h po a e
3 1 1 1 2 0
Badrack ss 2 0 1 1 0 0
Wilson c 4 1 0 2 0 2
Muscavage lf 4 1 1 0 0 0
Douglas 1b 3 0 1 5 0 0
Chase 2b 1 1 1 3 1 2
Belke c 3 1 0 8 2 1
Padgett rf 3 1 1 1 0 0
Keplinger p 4 1 2 0 3 0

Runs 1 2 0 0 0 4 7
Hits 0 3 1 1 0 2 8

Runs batted in—All: D. Leonard, Todd, Douglas, Keplinger 3.
Stolen bases—Souza 3, All, Gosano 2, D. Leonard 2, S. Leonard 2.
Arculli 2, T. Leonard 2, Todd, Muscavage, Douglas 2, Chase and Belke.

Sacrifices—All, S. Leonard, Douglas and Belke.

Two-base hits—D. Leonard, Todd and Padgett.

Struck out—by Keplinger 6, Arculli 2.

Bases on balls—off Keplinger 5, Arculli 6.

FOOTBALLERS BACK FROM SAIGON

The Colony Interport Soccer team returned from Saigon on Saturday morning and were received by a large gathering of relatives, friends and well-wishers.

The team was under the management of Messrs. A.C. Goldenberg and C.A. Guimang. All the players looked quite fit but they were of one accord in their disappointment of the manner in which the Interport game was refereed.

It will be recalled that Hongkong easily defeated Cambodia by five goals to four and Saigon "B" by seven goals to one. In the final Interport game against Saigon "A" they lost by 3-1.

Describing the game, one of the players said that the Saigon team played very rough football, and the Hongkong team was so frequently penalised that they were somewhat demoralised and missed several good scoring opportunities, especially in the last few minutes of play when Fung missed from an easy header and Yeung shot just over the bar.

They were well entertained by the Saigon football authorities and were high in their praise of the courteous manner in which they were treated wherever they went.

LAWN BOWLS

CHAMPIONS ONLY JUST BEAT BOWLING GREEN

H.K.C.C. Spring Surprise In The Third Division

Although it looked, at one time on Saturday morning that the lawn bowls programme would be washed out by rain, the weather eventually cleared sufficiently for all but two games to be carried out, the postponement being Civil Service and K.C.C. in the First Division, and Taikoo v. Civil Service in the Third Division.

Recreio "A" holders of the senior trophy, scored a narrow win over Kowloon Bowling Green Club, but the biggest win of the day was credited to Kowloon Cricket Club who had a 42 majority over the newly-entered Hongkong Cricket Club.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

First Division	
Kowloon B.G.C.	53
Civil Service	56
Kowloon Dock	59
Police R.C.	64
Craigengower	77
Recreio "A"	56
Kowloon C.C.	58
Indian R.C.	40
H.K. Football Club	47
Recreio "B"	52

*Newcomers to this division.
†—Postponed due to rain.

Second Division

Kowloon Tong	54
Police R.C.	38
Hongkong Cricket Club	43
Recreio	88
Taikoo Club	52
Craigengower	69
Kowloon B.G.C.	68
Kowloon F.C.	85
Kowloon C.C.	44

Third Division

Indian R.C.	48
Prison O.C.	74
Kowloon F.C.	49
H.K. Football Club	52
H.K. Electric	65
Craigengower	41
Hongkong Cricket Club	56
Kowloon B.G.C.	69

Ward, W. K. Way (skip) 30; Y. A. Razack, A. B. Hanson, E. Zimmermann, W. McNeill (skip) 22; J. Xavier, D. A. Rosario, T. L. Lock, A. A. Lewis (skip) 17. Total: 69.

THIRTY IN IT!
At Happy Valley, Kowloon Bowling Green Club beat Police Recreation Club by 30 shots:—
P.R.C.: G. Willerton, J. W. Harrop, N. B. Fraser, W. E. Hollands (skip) 7; W. Harris, J. McKenzie, H. Brown, W. Glendinning (skip) 13; D. H. Taylor, J. Hayward, J. Aitken, A. Wright (skip) 18. Total: 38.

K.B.G.C.: A. Morton, H. E. Drew, E. A. Atkins, W. Harrower (skip) 31; H. Bicknell, L. Sykes, E. V. Seale, H. Lockhart (skip) 21; E. F. Pope, E. Levett, F. Cheesman, R. Duncan (skip) 16. Total: 68.

H.K.C.C. TROUNCED
At Chater Road, Kowloon Football Club beat Hongkong Cricket Club by 42 shots:—
H.K.C.C.: R. R. Davies, J. A. Mount, G. E. Costello, B. E. Maughan (skip) 20; A. K. Mackenzie, E. Hospes, E. S. Abraham, A. W. Brown (skip) 13; T. A. Pearce, L. A. R. Duncan, J. Prentice, G. S. Archibutt (skip) 10. Total: 43.

K.F.C.: A. Lapsley, R. Hughes, V. Atienza, V. Chittenden (skip) 24; J. Gibbons, A. Eastman, R. Hall, P. Youngusband (skip) 35; W. Groves, J. Smith, W. Simpson, W. Field (skip) 26. Total: 85.

RECREIO'S WIN
At King's Park, Club de Recreio

Recreio: P. M. N. Silva, J. P. Remedios, C. M. S. Alves, P. Yvanovich (skip) 20; F. A. Xavier, A. Barreira, E. Remedios, E. Sousa (skip) 15; M. Alarcon, A. F. Noronha, A. M. Rodrigues, O. P. Remedios (skip) 33. Total: 68.

K.C.C.: A. A. Dand, W. Parsons, R. Marks, J. M. Jack (skip) 10; W. Naef, R. W. Wellwood, A. W. Ramsey, T. Carr (skip) 16; A. Madar, L. Jack, G. Taylor, A. Spary (skip) 12. Total: 44.

Third Division
WIN FOR ELECTRIC
At Sookunpo, Hongkong Electric Recreation Club beat Indian Recreation Club by 17 shots:—
I.R.C.: M. Hassan, M. P. Madar, K. M. Rumjahn, S. M. Rumjahn (skip) 14; U. A. Rumjahn, S. A. R. Bux, A. G. Sufiad, S. O. Bux (skip) 16; J. M. A. Rumjahn, R. Nazarin, A. H. Madar, A. M. Wahab (skip) 18. Total: 48.

H.K.E.R.C.: A. P. Tarbuck, R. A. Owens, S. Deacon, J. K. Sloan (skip) 19; A. G. Gardner, W. Macfarlane, H. S. McKay, A. F. Paul (skip) 22; W. Baker, C. E. Gahagan, G. T. Padgett, G. S. Thomson (skip) 24. Total: 65.

GAME AT STANLEY
At Stanley, Prison Officers' Club beat Craigengower Cricket Club by 33 shots:—
P.O.C.: J. W. Grant, S. Hodge, J. W. Fitzgerald, W. J. Bagley (skip) 28; F. H. Hill, P. Gillespie, J. McCutcheon, A. Jilott (skip) 25; V.

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TRAINING GALLOPS AT THE VALLEY

The following times were taken during the training gallops at the Race Course yesterday:—

	Dis-	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Last
	tance	Qr.	Qr.	Qr.	Qr.	Qr.
Avon & Jane Doe	1	35	1.07	1.38		31
Melody Star	1	34.2	1.05	1.34		29
Sylvalandale	1	42.3	1.19.2	1.50.4		32.2
Ascot Day & Derby Day	1	31	1.01	1.29.3		28.3
Hughes	1	40	1.16.4	1.48.4		32.4
Peaceful View	1	29	59.2	1.32		32.3
National Pride	1	34.2	1.10.2	1.44.4		34.2
Spring Shine	1	39.2	1.17	1.52	2.25	33
Vixen Tor	1	36	1.08.2	1.40.3	2.07.3	27
Blue Field	1	40.2	1.16.2	1.46.3		30.1
Golden Cow	1	36.1	1.09.4	1.41.3		30.4
Tornado Star	1	35.1	1.08	1.37		29
Eye of Reason	1	35.3	1.08	1.40	2.10.4	30.4
Night View & Scenic View	1	36	1.10.4	1.44.3	2.20.1	35.3
Commencement Bay	1	40	1.19	1.55.3	2.29.4	34.1
Rose Emily	1	37.2	1.13.4	1.47.4	2.17.4	30
Maple Star	1	39	1.13.4	1.45	2.12	27
Emergency Unit	1	40.2	1.18.3	1.54.1	2.26.4	31.3
Pinfarthings	1	42	1.13	1.44	2.16.3	32.3
A Green Time	1	46	1.28	2.05	2.32	27
Old Fashioned	1	40	1.17	1.53	2.29	36
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GERMANY THROWS HALF HER TANKS INTO FIGHT

FRENCH COUNTER-ATTACK CHECKS ENEMY ON MANY POINTS

General Giraud Takes Command In The Sedan Region

LONDON, May 19 (REUTERS)—THE WAR SITUATION ON THE WESTERN FRONT HAS BEEN EXPANDED ON BY OFFICIAL SPOKESMEN BOTH IN LONDON AND PARIS WHO HAVE FILLED IN THE GAPS IN THE OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE.

In one small area alone over half the tanks in the German army were thrown into the battle; over 3,000 tanks advanced in two directions in the bulge created in the French lines.

At the northern end of the bulge, on the River Sambre, the armoured columns reached a point 10 miles from the frontier; they made little further progress after being counter-attacked by French tanks.

Twenty miles to the south enemy tanks launched a stronger attack and the battle ended on positions chosen beforehand by the French Command.

The French launched a counter-attack and the German advance has slackened. However, no false hopes are entertained in official quarters.

The Germans have tried to break through at other points and so widen the salient, but these attacks have failed.

SEVERE FIGHTING

At no point has the Maginot Line been attacked.

Severe fighting is going on between Malmédy and Sedan, with the Germans apparently trying to get behind the end of the Maginot Line; all attacks were repulsed, at Malmédy easily, and at Sedan not so easily.

In Belgium, at the north end of the Allied line, the British and French have withdrawn.

GENERAL GIRAUD TAKES OVER COMMAND

The British troops are described as being "indignant at having to withdraw, as they always are when a retreat is ordered" the reasons for which they cannot see.

General Giraud has taken over the command of the French troops in the Sedan area; the appointment has put fresh heart into ordinary people in France.

Wonderful liaison is being maintained between the French and British forces, as a result of the close study made by the two armies of each other's methods for years past. The result has been that misunderstandings have been absent, which was not the case in the Great War.

FIFTH COLUMN ACTIVITIES
Meanwhile the Germans are making new use of the Fifth Column, and are trying by this means to shake morale behind the front.

Nazi agents have come across the frontier with civilian refugees; they are spreading wild rumours in the hope of causing confusion and mistrust among troops and people.

SUCCESSFUL OPERATIONS

LONDON, May 19 (BWS)—An official communique issued by British G.H.Q. early yesterday morning says: "Successful operations were carried out by the B.E.F. yesterday. Several enemy aircraft were brought down by anti-aircraft and small arms fire in addition to the successes of the R.A.F. The morale of the troops is very high."

"DYLE LINE" ABANDONED

LONDON, May 19 (Reuters)—Allied troops in Belgium have withdrawn from the "Dyle Line," which has been abandoned, and have taken up positions which correspond better to the situation further south.

LIVELY BATTLE

LONDON, May 19 (Reuters)—A French war communique says that in France a lively battle continues in the regions already indicated in yesterday night's communique.

In Belgium, taking into account the general situation, the Allied troops carried out a movement of withdrawal and took up positions west of Brussels.

During the night our aviation carried out violent bombing attacks on enemy columns, on roads

and on enemy communication points.

"CURTAINING" THE GERMANS

PARIS, May 19 (Reuters)—A French spokesman says that French troops are getting on with the job of curtaining the Germans in the salient. They are arriving rapidly and taking up their positions.

No details of the fighting are yet available, but it is certain that it has been heavy and lively.

Besides the thrust in the salient, the Germans made another attack south of Sedan, in an attempt to force another breakthrough and widen the salient.

NEWEST TANKS

The Germans are apparently using from two to three armoured divisions, made up of their newest and heaviest tanks, which are being used on an actual battle-front for the first time. They are well supported by bombing planes and infantry.

The tactics are for bombers to start things going by dive-bombing in great numbers on the point selected for the advance. The tank "push" follows.

NOT MANY CASUALTIES

If it succeeds, the infantry try to come up, supported by parachute troops dropped close behind the defenders.

If the tank "push" fails, the tanks return and the heavy bombers have another try at dive-bombing.

From all reports, the French casualties from the bombing are not large, but the tactics have considerable morale effect. The mere concussion of the bombs can stun the troops, something long enough to enable the tanks to advance to the attack.

Hence, the importance of air support cannot be exaggerated.

The French military spokesman said that the Allied planes are continuously bombing columns of troops, bridges and lines of communication.

Five Bombs Near Them But They Were Unscathed

LONDON, May 19 (Reuters)—A graphic description of the bombing of a small Belgian frontier town was given on Friday by Mr. Edward Ward, formerly with Reuters in the Far East, who said it was nothing like anything he had seen in Finland.

SUPPORT FOR ROOSEVELT'S ARMAMENT PLANS

WASHINGTON, May 19 (Reuters)—Pledges of support for President Roosevelt's large armament plans have been made by three leading Republicans, ex-President Hoover, Mr. Alf Landon and Col. Frank Knox.

Mr. Landon and Col. Knox were the Republican nominees for the presidency and vice-presidency last election.

Their endorsement of President Roosevelt's programme is remarkable as forming in effect a defence coalition unparalleled in the United States since the Great War.

NON-MILITARY PLACES NOT BOMBED

LONDON, May 19 (Reuters)—A German broadcast admits heavy Allied air raids on Germany, and says that in the first three days of the invasion of the Low Countries, 71 Allied air raids were made over German territory. The broadcast alleges that 51 of these were on non-military objectives.

This is vigorously denied in London, where a Foreign Office statement yesterday afternoon declared: "His Majesty's Government has made it clear that it is no part of their policy to bomb non-military objectives, no matter what the policy of the German Government. In spite of wanton German attacks on civilians, His Majesty's Government has steadfastly

He arrived at the town on the Belgio-French frontier on Thursday. It was packed with refugees, at least 20,000 of them, and when he saw them he thought to himself how horrible it would be were the town bombed.

After lunch, he went into the main square with some other war correspondents.

AIR RAID ALARM
The air-raid alarm sounded and they could see "puffs of anti-aircraft fire. Then came the 'all clear' but no sooner had it stopped than they heard more anti-aircraft fire and this time they also saw the German bombers.

There was no time to take shelter. They rushed towards a tall clock-tower and flung themselves onto the ground next to the wall.

FIVE BOMBS DROPPED

For what seemed like an eternity, there was a raging inferno around them, the lighter crack of anti-aircraft fire mingling with the heavier explosions of the bombs.

At least five bombs dropped within 100 yards of them, some of the nearer ones flinging them against the wall of the tower.

They expected to get hit at any moment. They could see wreckage shoot high into the air as the bombs hit buildings around them. They fortunately came through unscathed.

adhered to this policy. The statement that the R.A.F. has deliberately bombed civilians is untrue and was obviously made with the object of paving the way for the use against this country of the inhuman methods already taken against other countries."

SHEER PROPAGANDA: NAZI WHITE BOOK

WHEN FOREIGN MINISTER JOSEF BECK AND OTHER LEADERS OF A BEATEN POLAND FLED FROM WARSAW LAST SEPTEMBER, they left in a hurry. According to the German Foreign Office, they left behind them some very interesting documents.

The Germans published these documents a day after Mr. Smollet, just back from Europe, made his undivided report to the President.

Published in a White Book, entitled "Polish Documents Bearing on Events That Led Up to the War," they purported to be memoranda from Polish diplomats (Count Jerzy Potocki, Ambassador to the U.S., Jules Lukasiewicz, Ambassador to France, Count Edward Raczyński, Ambassador in London, Trade Councillor Jan Wszelaki) to their chief, Col. Beck. They reported conversations held with U. S. Ambassador to France William Bullitt, U. S. Ambassador to the Court of St. James's Joseph Kennedy. Of the conversations the documents reported:

"That Mr. Bullitt nursed a 'strong hatred about Germany and Chancellor Hitler,' that Mr. Bullitt believed the U. S., France and England 'must heavily arm in order to be able to oppose German power,' that the U. S. would 'undoubtedly' participate in a war to force the capitulation of Germany 'but only after England and France had first stirred themselves,' and was 'in November 1938' already 'in a psychosis similar to that existing before America's declaration of war on Germany in 1917.'"

That President Roosevelt's foreign policy would be to: 1) denounce the totalitarian States, 2) accelerate war preparations in the U. S., 3) tolerate no compromise with the totalitarian States on the part of Britain and France, 4) advance moral assurance that the U. S. would in the event of war "participate actively on the side of France and Britain."

TWO-FOLD OBJECT

That President Roosevelt "was the first who gave expression to this hatred of Fascism," with a twofold object "First, he wanted to divert the attention of the American people from difficult and involved inner political problems... Second, by the creation of war opinion and through rumors about the danger threatening Europe, he wanted to get the American people to accept an enormous armament programme."

That "the President certainly said he would sell airplanes to France since the French Army is the first line of defence for the U. S."

That Ambassador Kennedy would "insist on the necessity of (Great Britain) aiding Poland immediately with cash."

That Mr. Kennedy had told Mr. Wszelaki: "You have no idea to what extent my oldest boy, who was in Poland a short time ago, has the President's ear. I might say that the President believes him more than me."

SHEER PROPAGANDA

At the White House, the White Book was described as sheer propaganda, to be taken not with one or two, but with three grains of salt. "With even more salt," echoed Mr. Bullitt, before leaving by Clipper for France.

Said Count Potocki in Washington: "I have never had any conversations with Ambassador Bullitt on America's participation in the war." Said Secretary of State Hull: "I may say most emphatically that neither I nor any of my associates in the Department of State have even heard of any such conversations as those alleged, nor do we give them the slightest credence." From Harvard Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. denied that he had Mr. Roosevelt's ear. Said he: "A lot of bunk."

In Berlin, some of the foreign correspondents who were shown the documents, written on scratch paper, reported that they looked genuine, were covered with marginal notes, apparently by Polish officials.

LACK OF RETICENCE

Neither the President nor Secretary Hull said in so many words that they were a fraud. They echoed familiar and frequent public utterances of Francophile Bill Bullitt. On the one point, the declaration that the U. S. would eventually go to war, they did not indicate that Mr. Bullitt had said, if anything, more than most U. S. citizens were saying a few months ago.

If the documents proved anything it was that U. S. diplomats

SOUTH AFRICA "CLEANS UP"

JOHANNESBURG, May 19 (Reuters)—Immediate and active measures for dealing with "Fifth Column" activities as well as subversive movements and inimical propaganda are announced by Mr. Colin Steyn, Minister of Justice.

Mr. Steyn added that General Smuts, the Premier, was personally attending to the matter. This action and the rush of recruits are the first results of the German invasion of Holland and the increasing tension in the Mediterranean.

General Smuts' supporters claim a distinct swing towards the Prime Minister in Afrikaans speaking parts of the country.

Two of General Hertzog's most influential followers in the Orange Free State announced they now support General Smuts.

FIFTH COLUMNISTS SEED OUT

PARIS, May 19 (Reuters)—A steady stream of refugees from Belgium and Northern France is still passing through the capital but the Government has now warned civilians not to leave towns and urban areas until instructed.

The order is regarded with widespread approval, the object being to keep the roads free for military traffic.

Observers claim there is little danger from "Fifth Column" activities owing to the continuous action against suspicious foreigners since the war began.

Coupled with the recent internment of many men of German origin, nevertheless precautions are being taken against surprises.

READY AGAINST QUISLINGS

BERNE, May 19 (Reuters)—Switzerland is increasing her precautions against the Fifth Column. The Department of Justice and the police have been given authority to expel undesirable aliens. In Basle, where the French and German frontiers meet, the local authorities have been given full powers to act in an emergency without consulting the Federal Council.

KING'S TOUR OF INSPECTION

LONDON, May 19 (Reuters)—The King, wearing R. A. F. uniform, on Friday inspected the Bomber Command in England.

His Majesty studied maps and reports of the Command's recent operations on the western front, and warmly praised their feats.

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GIRL GUIDES GIFT FUND

Through the generosity of the owners, directors and management of the King's and Majestic Theatres, two cinema performances for children will be given on Empire Day, May 24, at 11 o'clock. "Wee Willie Winkie" will be shown at the King's Theatre and "The Prince and the Pauper" at the Majestic Theatre. The total proceeds will be devoted to the Girl Guide Gift Fund. It is hoped that parents and children will support the scheme.

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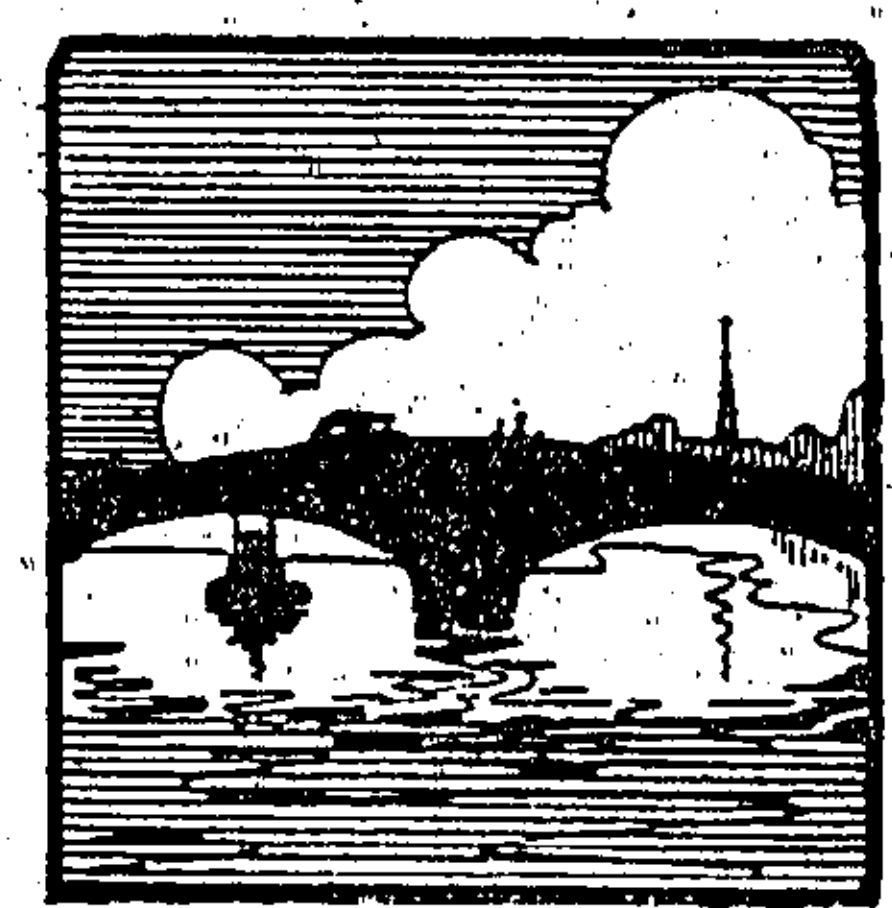
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TSAOYANG RECAPTURED BY THE CHINESE

More Than 20,000 Japanese Surrounded Last Week

CHUNGKING, May 18 (Central)—The Chinese complete recapture of Tsaoyang, 40 miles east of Sinyang, where more than 20,000 Japanese have been surrounded in the past week, is confirmed in an urgent despatch received here from Fancheng.

The message described the fighting there prior to the Chinese recapture as exceptionally severe and revealed that hand-to-hand combats raged from morning till evening.

The Chinese goal of crushing the main Japanese force in central China is said to have been reached.

ARMY SEIZED
Besides Tsaoyang, the Chinese also recaptured Chifang, Huo, and Yangshihang, near the Honan border northwest of Tsaoyang, on May 18. More than 1,000 Japanese were killed, and a quantity of arms and ammunition was seized.

In central Hupeh, the Chinese have pushed south of Kiangshan, 35 miles east of Chungshiang, in their southward drive. In an attack on the Japanese at Yangshihang, south of Kiangshan, they routed the enemy, captured more than 300 rifles and destroyed two Japanese tanks.

Following their recovery of Luilin and Kikungshan on the Peiping-Hankow Railway in south Honan, the Chinese are now pushing towards Wushengwan, gateway into Honan 27 and half miles south of Sinyang. Serious clashes have already taken place between the advance guards of the two opposing forces.

CHINESE BOMBED
In support of the Japanese ground defenders, enemy planes have bombed and strafed the advancing Chinese. One of the machines is reported to have been brought down by one Chinese in flames. All its crew were killed.

Fighting in south Hupeh is still centred around Tashaping, between Tsunyang and Tungcheng. A three-day battle raged on May 13-15 near Hsishan in the western

Chinese Lady Injured In Bombing

CHUNGKING, May 19 (Reuters)—News has just been received here that Mr. Wang Ching-chi, Chinese Minister to Poland, had a narrow escape recently when German aircraft bombed a town near the French border where he stopped overnight on his way to Paris.

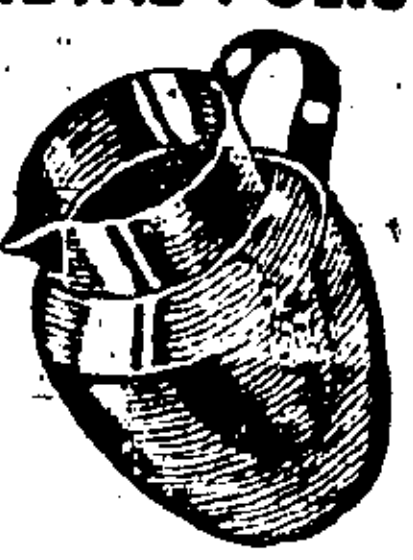
His wife and daughter were both slightly injured when a bomb hit the hotel in which they were staying.

SERVANTS KILLED
Mr. Wang's chauffeur and maid-servant are believed to have been killed as the bomb hit the section of the hotel where the servants stayed, and there was no trace of the servants after the bombing.

It is also learned that Mr. Chien Tai, Chinese Ambassador to Belgium, left Brussels for Ostend with other members of the Diplomatic Corps.

It is understood the Chinese government has appropriated funds for the construction of dug-outs in the Chinese Embassies in Paris, London and Brussels.

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How Macao Speculators Were Given Advance Rates

Pleading guilty to all the charges preferred against them in connection with various offences against the Telecommunication Ordinance and the Defence Regulations Ordinance, three Chinese wireless operators, Leung Tse-hong, 33, Lung Chiu-hong, 29, and Cheung Saw-wai, 35, were fined \$850, \$400 and \$200 respectively by Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon Court on Saturday.

The first and second defendant were accused of having, between April 11 and April 23, received by telephone at the Water Police Station certain code messages, these being quotations for Chinese national currency on the Hongkong Exchange, and of having transmitted these by wireless to third defendant on board the s.s. Sai On.

The messages were directed to certain speculators in Macao who through this method were able to get news of the exchange quotations some 20 minutes to half an hour earlier than through normal routes.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, in outlining the facts of the case, said that on April 11, acting on information received, all calls to Government Extension 573 and all outgoing wireless messages to Tai Wo were intercepted at the Chief Detective Inspector's Office at Yau-mat Police Station.

MESSAGES INTERCEPTED
Mr. D. W. Waterton, Senior Inspector of Wireless Telegraphs, and Mr. Wong Shi-lan, of the same Department, had, several messages intercepted between April 11 and April 23. The messages were in code and later decoded with the assistance of first defendant himself. All the messages dealt with quotations for Chinese national currency.

Second defendant was arrested on information given by the first defendant, both men being employees of the Government. On first defendant's person, as well as in his desk, were found various lottery tickets and documents, and code instructions were found also on third defendant when he was arrested by Sgt. Scott.

The wireless office at Tai Wo did not generally receive messages unless instructed to take these by Water Police Station, and so very few, if any, messages directed to the Tai Wo Station would be received there.

First defendant was receiving a monthly payment from the speculators of \$100 for his services, and he was paying \$35 a month to second defendant for his assistance.

SPECULATORS TIMID
Pleading in mitigation for first defendant, the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro, Jr., said that by the means first defendant had employed he was able to get messages to Macao some 20 minutes in advance of the normal route. The speculators in Macao, however, appeared to have been rather timid, and little profit had accrued. Defendant's share being about \$40 a month.

On every message defendant had sent he had defrauded the Government of 50 cents which was the normal fee for messages of this nature to Macao.

His client, the Hon. Mr. D'Almada said, was paid \$144 a month salary and had risen to his present position in 12 years, being first employed by Government in 1928 at a salary of \$75 a month.

DISASTROUS CONSEQUENCES
He had been obliged to bear heavy expenses as the result of illness of one of his children some months ago, the child having subsequently died, and was heavily in debt. The burden of this debt was a constant worry to him, and he had been easily tempted at the prospect of money so easily obtained.

The consequences of his action were already disastrous. He had lost his job, and prospects of employment either in the Colony or in China were slight. He would always have to suffer as the result of his having fallen into this temptation.

He was the son of a respectable father who had rendered a service to the European community in the general strike of 1925, and justice demanded, counsel concluded, that he would not be ruined.

NO HARM ASSURANCE
Mr. G. E. Ford, pleading in mitigation for second defendant, said that his client had joined the Government Service two-and-a-half years ago and had been transferred to the Water Police Station about half a year ago. He had been approached by first defendant with a suggestion for earning extra money and was, in fact, subordinate to first defendant. He had been told by first defendant that no harm was being done.

Extenuating circumstances had prompted him to accept first defendant's suggestion. He was

earning \$90 a month and had to support an aged mother, a wife and three children on this income.

SERIOUS VIEW

Mr. Alfred Y. Hon, pleading for third defendant, said that his client had only come into the "plot" in March or towards the end of February. He could also plead that extenuating circumstances led him into the plot as he was earning only \$60 a month and was a married man with five children.

Mr. Reynolds, addressing the court, said that the Postmaster General wished a serious view to be taken of the case as defendants were Government servants in positions where absolute integrity was essential. Methods used by the defendants were such as could have lent themselves to a more serious form of crime.

It appeared that first defendant had induced the other two men to conspiracy, and the case called for a maximum fine, if not a prison sentence.

TRUST ABUSED

In imposing fines on the three defendants, Mr. Himsforth said that the offence they had committed was one of a very serious nature. In the case of first and second defendants, while placed in a position of trust, they had used all resources at their disposal to violate this trust, and to add to the gravity of the offence had broken the Emergency Regulations.

He was satisfied, Mr. Himsforth continued, that the messages had been sent for personal and private gain and that the defence of the Colony or of the British Empire had not been endangered.

HEAVY FINES

He would not impose the maximum fines, but the fines would have to be severe so that they would act as a deterrent to others who would be tempted to violate the trust, their positions required of them.

Mr. Himsforth then imposed fines of \$850, \$400 and \$200 on first, second and third defendant respectively. Second defendant, who was not on bail, was committed to the remand prison and will have to serve two months' hard labour in default should he not be able to pay the fine imposed.

Criminal Sessions

Pleading guilty at the Criminal Sessions on Saturday, before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, to having committed a robbery at Tai-po, with others not in custody on January 2, Li Koon-lin was sentenced to two-and-a-half years' hard labour.

Accused, it was stated, took part in robbing Woo Sun \$34 Hongkong currency and \$10 Chinese currency. Yan Hoi of \$22 Hongkong currency and clothing and Chung Ming of five cents, a torch and a whistle.

Li said he had been forced into the business by a man whom he knew as a travelling trader and could not run away. When confronted with his record, he admitted three previous convictions.

Hung Kau, a young Chinese who appeared on three charges, with returning from banishment, robbery and unlawful possession of arms, also pleaded guilty and was sentenced to two years' hard labour on each count, the second and third terms to run consecutively.

Four hand grenades and a long knife were produced in court to substantiate the arms charge.

Lau Kau, who admitted having in his possession four Mauser pistols, one revolver, one automatic pistol and 140 rounds of ammunition at On Long, in the New Territories, was sentenced to 15 months' hard labour.

Four returned banished were also sentenced. Chan Wah and

NEWSETTES

It is notified that Mrs. Irma Frommer, M.D. (Bologna) has been appointed an Inspector of Schools.

Mr. James Harper Taggart, O.B.E., has been appointed Controller of Food.

Mr. R. S. Pijott, of the Asiatic Petroleum Co. (S. C.), Ltd., arrived in Hongkong yesterday accompanied by Mrs. Pijott.

Mr. J. B. Griev, of Wamer, Barnes and Co., Ltd., Baccold, passed through Hongkong yesterday on his way to the north.

Mr. William Frank Gilbert, M.A. (Oxon) has been appointed an Engineer, Public Works Department, with effect from May 6, 1940.

Mr. Louis Smith, of the Asiatic Petroleum Co. (S. C.), Ltd., of Hongkong, returned to the Colony yesterday from Manila.

Mr. Yang Chiensen, of the Ministry of Military Affairs in Chungking, arrived in the Colony yesterday from Manila.

Mr. Reinson C. Chen, sub-manager of the Bank of China in Hongkong, returned to the Colony from Manila yesterday.

Sir Robert Kotewall distributed the prizes at the annual ceremony, at the St. Louis Industrial School on Saturday.

Mr. Wang Lengoh, who is connected with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Chungking, arrived in Hongkong yesterday from Manila.

Mr. John F. Berridge, of the Standard Oil Co. in Manila, passed through Hongkong yesterday, accompanied by Mrs. Berridge, en route to San Francisco on leave.

Mr. Alfredo Carmelo, Consul for Mexico in the Philippines arrived in Hongkong yesterday from Manila accompanied by his family.

Mr. Nicholas J. Deegan, Manager of the Natl. Climine and Chemical Co., Hongkong, returned yesterday from Manila, accompanied by Mrs. Deegan.

Mr. John R. Peck, president of the Insular Lumber Co., of the Philippine Islands, was a passenger through Hongkong yesterday, en route to Philadelphia.

Mrs. Maria de Got, wife of a prominent Philippine tobaccoist, passed through Hongkong yesterday, accompanied by her son Jose, en route to Shanghai.

The Hongkong Students' Relief Association will hold a welcome party in the St. Francis Hotel at 3 p.m. on Wednesday in honour of the British Relief Unit to China composed of Mr. Ever Barger, leader of the unit, Mr. Llewellyn Evans, Mr. Owen Evans, Mr. Philip Wright, Mr. William Jenkins and Mr. Michael Sullivan.

MOTHERS DAY AT ST. MARY'S

Some 400 students participated in a programme of a physical training display at St. Mary's School, in commemoration of Mother's Day on Saturday afternoon.

The best item on the programme was a dance, "Comme la Nymphes se meurt." It was very well received and an encore was requested.

Responsible for success of the physical training display, were Miss A. Leong, Drill teacher, and Miss J. Craig, who trained the ballet dancers.

Events of the day included a short demonstration net ball game between the senior and intermediate girls' teams, junior gymnastics, two country dances, "Ruffy Tufty" and "The Black Nag," six different team games, two country dances, "New Castle" and "Butterfly," Senior gymnastics, and the final dance, "Dashing White Sergeant."

Yuen Ping, who has six and three previous convictions, respectively, were each sentenced to two years' hard labour. Tam Hon was sentenced to nine months, as was Kung Tak-on. In the last case the sentence will take effect at the expiration of the term of imprisonment which accused is now serving for larceny.

Dr. William W. Pettus and Mrs. Pettus arrived in the Colony yesterday en route to Changsha, Hunan, where Dr. Pettus is taking up an appointment as Surgeon at the Yall in China Hospital.

Mr. Oscar C. Roehr, industrial manager for the International Harvester Co., of Chicago, passed through Hongkong yesterday from Manila, en route to Chicago, accompanied by Mrs. Roehr.

Mr. Gerald J. Sheehan who is associated with the International Business Machine Co., of New York City, passed through the Colony yesterday from Manila, accompanied by Mrs. Sheehan.

Mr. Homer M. Legate, general superintendent of the Pacific Tin Co., of Kuala Lumpur, F. M. S., arrived in Hongkong yesterday, en route to Malaya, after spending a holiday in the States.

Mr. V. M. Dorrity, Director of the British American Tobacco Co. in Sourabaya, passed through the Colony yesterday from Manila, accompanied by Mrs. Dorrity, en route to the States on leave.

Mr. John Lapham, Credit Manager for the Texas Company (P. I.) Co., passed through Hongkong yesterday accompanied by his family en route to San Francisco.

Mr. R. Seni Framoj, Thai Minister designate to the United States, passed through Hongkong yesterday en route to Washington, D. C., accompanied by his wife and two sons.

Lt. Douglas L. Cordner, of the United States Navy, was a passenger through Hongkong yesterday on his way to the States from Manila. He was accompanied by his family.

A large number of members and guests attended the supper dance at the Kowloon Tong Garden City Association on Saturday night. The proceeds will be devoted to the British War Organisation Fund and Chinese war charities.

It is understood that a petition was addressed to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs by the tenants of Nos. 1 to 39, Canton Road, who were given up to last Wednesday to move. The block belongs to the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd.

It is notified in the Government Gazette that H.M. the King has been pleased to entrust the Seals of the Colonial Department to the Right Hon. Lord Lloyd of Dolobran, G.C.S.I., G.C.E., D.S.O., as one of the Principal Secretaries of State.

Mr. Robert Leo Barkus has been re-assigned from the Key-Posts Group to the Combatant Group and Mr. Charles Lawrence Clarke from the General Group for Essential Services to the Combatant Group in the Hongkong Defence Reserve.

Governor Goes On Leave

His Excellency Sir Geoffrey Northcote and Lady Northcote, accompanied by Capt. S. H. Batty-Smith, A.D.C. sailed for Ceylon yesterday morning, on a short holiday.

They were received at Queen's Pier by the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith. There was a large gathering on the pier to wish them goodbye, including H.E. Admiral Sir Percy Noble and Lady Noble, Brigadier A. B. Thomson, Sir Atholl and Lady MacGregor, members of the Executive and Legislative Councils, members of the Consular bodies, the Very Rev. Dean J. L. Wilson (representing the Rt. Rev. Ronald Hall), Bishop Valorta, Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Wing Comdr. A.H.S. Steele-Perkins, and several other Naval, Military, Air Force and Civil personalities.

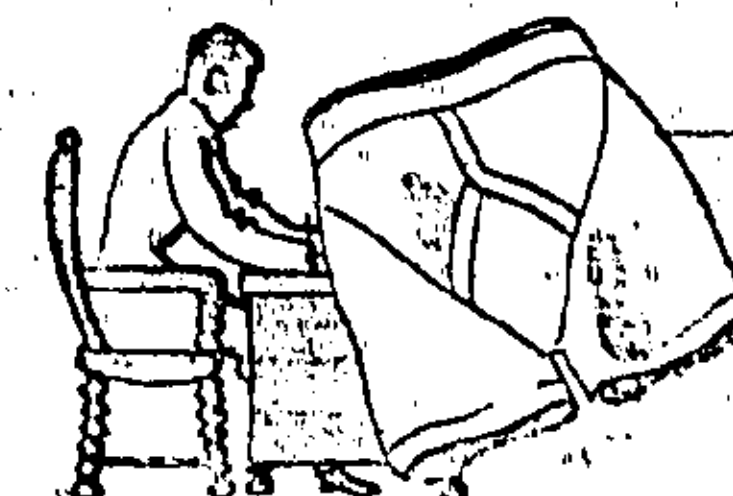
The Government House party was conveyed to the steamer in the Britannia. H.E. and Lady Northcote stood at the stern and waved to the gathering as the launch left the pier.

Tenders are invited for the supply of a steam launch and motor boat for the Harbour Department; for the purchase of old steam launch "H.D.4" for Causeway Bay widening; and for the erection of a public latrine in Lascar Row.

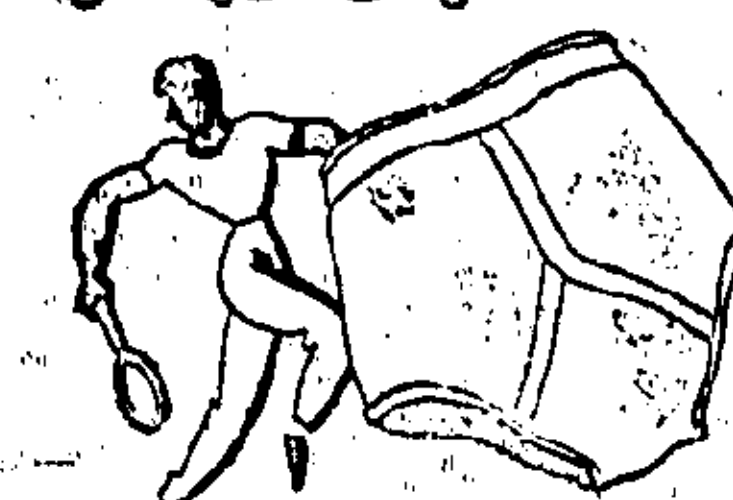


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THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Fifty-Ninth Ordinary Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Wednesday, the 22nd May, 1940, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 8th May, to the 2nd May, 1940, both days inclusive.

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Hong Kong, 1st May, 1940.

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NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING.

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 30th May, 1940, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd May to 15th June inclusive.

By order of the Board.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.

General Managers,

Hong Kong, 16th April, 1940.

CHINESE ESTATES, LIMITED.

FIRST INTERIM DIVIDEND.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a FIRST INTERIM DIVIDEND for the year ending the 28th February, 1941, of three per cent, that is \$3.00 per share, will be paid on all shares in this Company on Saturday, the 1st June, 1940, at the Company's Office at China Building, 5th floor.

The TRANSFER BOOK of the Company will be CLOSED from the 29th to the 31st May, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

CHUNG YAM TING,

Acting Secretary.

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A Desperate Gamble

GENERAL SMUTS, the Premier of South Africa, correctly summarised the present military situation in the west when he declared that an aggressor always had the advantage at the beginning. Reports of the fighting over the week-end indicate that though the Nazi onslaught through Belgium has been held up in several places, the initial advantage which the German war machine secured still appears to be held and the situation must therefore be considered critical. The Allied arms are, however, are meeting the situation with calm determination and are slowly but steadily strengthening their resistance to blunt the fierce thrusts launched by the Nazis. The situation as it stands now appears to present political observers with an opportunity for analysing the reasons which must have induced Herr Hitler to stake the whole Nazi might on this westward drive through the Low Countries. Mr. Wickham Steed, for instance, the well-known commentator on world affairs, described the German Fuehrer's move as a desperate gamble to bring about a quick termination of the war with a victory for Germany. There is no doubt, however, that any analysis of the position must be based largely on guess-work, but there are certain undeniable factors which must be taken into account in arriving at possible conclusions on the causes which led the Nazis to break the stalemate which has featured the war in the west since the outbreak of hostilities.

THE MOST WIDELY expressed view, both at home and abroad, is that Herr Hitler was determined to bring the base of his operations closer to the shores of England, whose supremacy of the seas has threatened to completely dislodge his former policy of watching and waiting. The fact appears to be that the effect of the Allied blockade, the full force of which has been strengthened by the command of the seas which the Allied Navies have been able to maintain, is beginning to make itself felt more seriously within Germany than is probably realised. With nearly ninety per cent of his merchant fleet rendered useless for purposes of bringing into Germany the

MME. KUNG ENTERTAINS RELIEF WORKERS

A number of Hongkong Chinese women relief workers, actively associated with the promotion of the Society of Friends of the Wounded Soldiers, were entertained to tea by Madame H. H. Kung, head of the movement, at her residence in Sassoon Road yesterday afternoon.

Representatives of various organisations reported on the progress of the membership campaign, which was launched two months ago and which will be brought to a close at the end of June.

The financial result of the campaign to date has not been made known, but it is understood that the reports rendered to Madame Kung yesterday were very encouraging. Madame Kung appealed to those present to redouble their efforts on behalf of the wounded soldiers.

Amongst those present at the meeting were Madame Sun Yatsen, who recently returned from Chungking, and Madame Sun Fo. Other guests included Mme. Wu Te-chen; Mme. C. C. Wu, Miss Hu Mu-lan, Mrs. Ho Pak-ping, Mrs. Violet Chan and Miss Shin Tak-hing.

essentials which the country needs so much for its existence and his other avenues of trade in a state of uncertainty, discontent within the Reich over the country's economic position must be assuming grave proportions.

HERR HITLER, blind as he may be to the trend of opinion outside the confines of his own troubled domain, would not be allowed to remain in ignorance of the feelings of his suffering people. The German people are not content to sit down and allow themselves to be starved out with the daily tightening of the Allied blockade. They demanded that something be done and to appease them Herr Hitler launched his campaign against Denmark and Norway. Flushed with his success in that venture, Herr Hitler sought to impress the Germans with even a greater example of his might and, at the same time, to bring relief from the economic encirclement of the Reich—and the attack on Holland and Belgium was launched with all the fury of a desperate animal brought to bay. The German propaganda machine, meanwhile played up the moves in the most exultant tones—the Nazi blitzkrieg had started and everything would crumble before the advance of the Nazi war machine! Another reason behind the decision was to impress the "doubting Thomases" of Europe—Signor Mussolini—with the invincibility of German might and so inveigle him into the European conflagration and extend the war zone in the hope of extending the Allied defence and attack lines.

AS FAR AS Italy is concerned, the Nazi fanatic seems to have succeeded in his object and everything points to Italian participation in the war as an Ally of the Germans. Insofar as his other hopes of reducing the Allied resistance and undermining the morale of their people by his methods of frightfulness are concerned, Herr Hitler has yet to learn that they are as far removed from accomplishment as ever. His desperate gamble this time may well prove to be his undoing and no one is perhaps more aware of what failure must bring than the Nazi Fuehrer himself. He has certainly presented the Allies with a formidable task and there are no illusions either in Britain, France or in Belgium of the vast strength of his present onslaught. His methods, however, have resulted in a calmer and more determined resolve to attain the goal for which the Allies have taken up arms, and nothing will now stand in their way, however long it may take to accomplish it.



His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, K.C.M.G., who proceeded on short leave to Ceylon yesterday, accompanied by Lady Northcote and Capt. S. H. Batty-Smith, A.D.C.

Allied Movements On The Sambre Sector Continues

PARIS, May 19 (Reuter)—The general impression created by today's news from the west is described by a French military spokesman as favourable on the whole.

North of Sambre the Allies' great strategic movement continues without hindrance or enemy pressure. Between Sambre and Aisne, fierce fighting took place round Avesnes but the German attacks were not so great in violence as yesterday.

It is thought the Germans may be faced with supply difficulties, owing to energetic action taken by the Allies.

If Hitler Is Stopped Now

IT WILL BE FOR ALL TIME

NEW YORK, May 19 (Reuter)

According to the "New York Post," very high quarters in Washington have received by telephone uncensored information from equally high quarters in Paris as follows:

"The French have definitely established that 11 of Germany's 12 mechanised divisions are engaged and are suffering losses."

"A total of 1,500 German planes have been destroyed."

"So much of German strength is being expended that the Nazis will never be able to organize another assault on such a large scale. Therefore, though the situation is of utmost gravity, the French Government is certain that if Hitler is stopped now, he will be stopped for ever."

JAPANESE SEIZE AMERICAN PUBLICATIONS

CHUNGKING, May 18 (Central)

American publications sent by post yesterday were seized by the Japanese military who branded them as anti-Japanese propaganda, says a Shanghai dispatch.

One of Japanese army officer tore up a copy of the Evening Post and Mercury and warned the staff of the Post Office that they would be shot if they dared to accept such a publication for mail next time.

Thousands of copies of two American owned Chinese dailies were forcibly taken away.

The Japanese action is considered by American publishers as a contravention of the Universal Postal Convention. If the Japanese continue to seize American publications one step they will very likely take is to appeal to the American authorities concerned to ban Japanese propaganda literature, sent to the United States, as a reprisal.

CABLE NEWS IN BRIEF

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter)—The Chatham anti-parachutist guards, who now number over 8,000, are to be commanded by Admiral Sir Studholme Brownrigg, who was Commander-in-Chief, the Nile, from January to December last year.

PARIS, May 19 (Reuter)—Dr. Goebbels has lost some of the income from the large fortune he has accumulated outside Germany on Saturday the Seine police authorities sequestered the interest due on Suez Canal shares owned by Dr. Goebbels.

SHANGHAI, May 19 (Reuter)—One of the most prominent figures in local religious circles, the Rt. Rev. Frederick Rogers Graves, D. D., died yesterday.

BUCHAREST, May 19 (Reuter)—The oil companies have been ordered to sell to the Army whatever is needed in case of war and to store it.

BUCHAREST, May 19 (Reuter)—New searchlights and a/r-rails were tested in Bucharest on Thursday night.

WASHINGTON, May 19 (Reuter)—The U. S. Assistant Secretary for War said on Friday that the production of the U. S. aeroplane industry, which at present is 15,000 military planes a year, would be increased by January next to 25,000.

PARIS, May 19 (Reuter)—All French air factories are to work 12 hours a day until further notice.

CAIRO, May 19 (Reuter)—The Allied Fleet in the Mediterranean has returned to Alexandria from manoeuvres.

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter)—Two Australians and three Canadians are in the list of the latest R.A.F. awards.

CAIRO, May 19 (Reuter)—Certain treasures—such as the gold coffin of King Tutankhamen—are being moved from the Cairo Museum to a place of greater safety.

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter)—The King on Friday evening visited the War Office and studied secret maps and plans of the operations in France and Flanders. Later, he received the Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, at Buckingham Palace.

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter)—Cheering lustily and singing popular songs, the sixth contingent of volunteers from Newfoundland for the British Navy arrived at a west coast port, yesterday.

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter)—The Princess Royal has undergone a slight operation and is progressing favourably. No further bulletin will be issued.

Germany Stakes Her All On Red: If Black Turns Up It Will Be Her Ruin

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter)—We await each scrap of news with deep concern, but also deep confidence, declared Mr. Duff Cooper, Minister of Information, in a broadcast.

One reason for confidence is that the enemy is laying for far higher stakes than we are. We may win or lose this battle, but if we lose it we shall not have lost the war. If Germany loses it she will lose the war as well. That is why she has thrown into the battle the whole of the vast accumulated force she has been building up, both before and since the coming of the Nazis.

Like a mad roulette gambler, she staked all her vast resources upon the red. If the black turns up, it will be a black day for her. This battle is not very different from most of the battles of the last war, beginning with a tremendous push which gradually slows down, ending in exhaustion for the attackers, advantage for the defenders.

NOT MAGINOT LINE

The Germans have broken through on a broad front, not on the Maginot Line, but only on the recent continuation of it, which had never been considered impregnable. Perhaps the most remarkable feature of the battle so far has been the gallantry and efficiency of the Royal Air Force.

Mr. Duff Cooper read a message from M. Frossard, in Paris, expressing the "approbation of every Frenchman of the heroism of the R.A.F., which will be a decisive factor in saving France."

LIBERTY OF MANKIND

There are astonishing authentic stories of what our young pilots have been accomplishing in the past few days and nights.

What is the explanation for their superiority in the operations, asked Mr. Duff Cooper?

The Germans are skillful pilots and brave men. Maybe our machines are better than theirs, but that is not the whole explanation. In Oliver Cromwell's words, the "best soldier is the soldier who knows what he is fighting for, and loves what he knows." Our boys are fighting for the liberty of mankind.

People's Education In Kwangtung

The Kwangtung Provincial Department of Education has formulated a five-year plan for the promotion of people's education, says Central News.

The first step is to train teachers. Beginning from next month, 60 short-term institutes will be opened for the training of 10,000 teachers within three months. The budget for these institutes has been fixed at \$840,000 to be equally borne by the national and provincial treasuries.

For the promotion of people's education for the current year the Ministry of Education has consented to appropriate \$1,475,000 subsidy.

CALM PREVAILS IN MALTA

MALTA, May 19 (Reuter)—All though determined and fully prepared for all eventualities, the people here remain calm. Immediate Mediterranean developments are not expected here.

VIOLENT 'QUAKE

Special to H. K. Daily Press

SAN FRANCISCO, May 19 (Havas)—Many were killed and injured when a violent earthquake shook El Centro, 20 kilometres from the Mexican frontier.

Telephone and telegraph communication with the city is disrupted and ambulances are being rushed there.

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter)—It was announced last night that, as far as his duties permit, Mr. Winston Churchill will lead in the Commons but, in view of the pressure of events, he has asked Mr. C. R. Attlee to act as deputy leader.

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter)—The death has occurred of General Guillaumat at the age of 76.

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter)—Sixteen special trains today will transport 10,000 children from south-east and east coast towns to new reception areas in Wales. It is hoped to complete the shift in a day.



Dr. Fritz Todt, creator of the Siegfried Line who has been nominated by Hitler as Minister for Armament and Munitions.

SUCCESSFUL MIDDLESEX FUNCTION

ALBUHERA BALL IN ROSE ROOM

The 1st Battalion, The Middlesex Regiment, held their Albuhera Ball in the Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel on Saturday night and the function proved highly successful being attended by over 350 persons who danced, to the strains of Art Carneiro and his Band.

The Ball was in commemoration of the 129th anniversary of the Battle of Albuhera fought on May 16, 1811.

A committee of nine corporals put their heads together and their hard work bore the fruits of outstanding entertainment and enjoyment for everybody.

All Officers of the Regiment, including Capt. W. P. Chattey, Adjutant, attended.

Raffle prizes were won by Mrs. R. F. Alliver, Sgt.-Maj. H. Ramsay, Mrs. G. W. Flood and L/Cpl. E. Carpenter.

Excellent cabaret items were contributed by Cpl. Thompson, of the Middlesex, Miss Audrey Oakenfull, Ronald Alkman (piano), Don Carlos (Rumba exhibition), C. Mattos and Miss Mattos.

The Ball committee comprised: Corporals Matthews (M.C.), Johnson, Ravenscroft, Sevon, Smith, Betts, Dyson and Smith.

The dance programme included Paul Jones, Tango, Valeta, Palais Glide, Boomp-a-Daisy and the Boston Two-step.

TAN KAH-KEE VISITS TOMB OF GENGHIS KHAN

Mr. Tan Kah-kee, well-known industrial magnate in Singapore, who recently came to China with the South Seas Chinese Comfort Mission, visited the tomb of Genghis Khan, the world famous Mongol monarch and conqueror, on Saturday.

It may be recalled that the remains of the Great Khan and his Royal consort which had lain at Etsinhor, situated about 100 miles south of the railway head at Pao-tow in Suifu, for 712 years were removed somewhere else in July, 1939, to prevent their seizure by Japanese intriguers.

Besides visiting the tomb, Mr. Tan investigated the rural economic conditions there.

The eminent industrialist will leave today on a tour to Chinghai province, according to Central News.

RUMANIAN MEASURES

BUCHAREST, May 18 (Havas)—The Rumanian Government has taken drastic measures to ensure the security of the State.

All foreigners with temporary visas have been ordered to leave the country by the end of May or they will be interned in concentration camps.

"GRAND OLD MAN" BACK IN FRENCH CABINET

When The Nation Shows What It Is Really Made Of

PARIS, May 19 (Reuter).—The reshuffle of the Cabinet marks a further strengthening of the Government. The most dramatic change is the inclusion of the "Grand Old Man," Marshal Pétain, who is remarkably active despite his 84 years.

M. Reynaud at the War Ministry will have the benefit of his help and sage advice on vital matters.

CHANGES ANNOUNCED

PARIS, May 19 (Reuter).—Changes in the French War Cabinet were announced in Paris yesterday afternoon.

Marshal Pétain, who was Commander-in-Chief during part of the Great War and until yesterday was Ambassador to Spain, becomes Vice-Premier.

M. Edouard Daladier, at present War Minister, becomes Foreign Minister, a post previously occupied by the Premier, M. Reynaud.

M. Reynaud takes over the War Office concurrently with the post of Premier.

HELD TO PARIS

M. Georges Mandel, Minister of Colonies, is appointed Minister of Interior.

M. Louis Rollin, Minister of Trade and Industry, replaces M. Mandel at the Colonial Ministry.

Marshal Pétain, who will be a Minister without Portfolio as Vice-Premier, is 84. He is one of the outstanding figures in French public life.

The Premier, M. Paul Reynaud, yesterday presided over a meeting of the war committee of the Cabinet.

M. Reynaud later received Marshal Pétain, French Ambassador to Spain, who flew to Paris from Madrid.

WELCOMED AT KWEILIN

A meeting was held on Saturday in Kweilin by various circles in honour of Mr. George Fitch, China-born American social service leader, who is Secretary of the National Committee of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. in Chungking.

Speaking at the meeting, Mr. Fitch praised the Chinese efforts in the development of the Northwest where he had recently visited.

He said that as two democratic countries, China and the United States should seek closer co-operation.

Referring to an American arms embargo against Japan, he said that the cautious attitude of a small section of the Americans is preventing its early imposition but believed that after the Presidential election, a rational step will be taken.

MOST ITALIANS AGAINST WAR

CAIRO, May 19 (Reuter).—"Dastour" points out that the majority of the Italians are against war.

"This opposition," it says "is increasing, as it is felt that the Italians want to use Italy as a cat's paw. Finally, America has begun to feel that the question of joining the war on the side of the Allies may become necessary."

MUST BE WITH BRITAIN
Italy's joining the war will drive America in and put an end to dictators' ambitions.

"Al Mokattam" says that the fiercer the war becomes, the more the Egyptians are convinced of the benefits of the Anglo-Egyptian Alliance.

Egypt's geographical position makes it imperative that she should be on the side of Britain. The paper points out the fate of small nations who refused to move after the aggression on Finland.

AMERICAN GLOOM

WASHINGTON, May 19 (Reuter).—A pall of gloom has settled over Washington and the war news from Europe has saddened crowds everywhere.

Radio commentators refer movingly to the situation confronting the Allies.

The man-in-the-street is frequently heard to say "We shall have to go over."

Under the Defence Regulations, 1939, persons holding more than ten tons of coal are required to furnish a weekly return and statement, it is notified in the Government Gazette.

On the whole the new changes foreshadow the implementation of new revolutionary measures forecast by M. Reynaud on Thursday.

The broadcast by M. Reynaud lasted only a few minutes. The Premier said the situation is grave, but not at all hopeless. It is in such circumstances that the French nation shows what it is made of. The greatness of our people is such that at such times it forgets its own sufferings.

What the country awaits from the Government is not words—they had heard too many during the last few years—but action.

Marshal Pétain, who won the victory of Verdun, has returned from Madrid and all his wisdom and power will be at the service of the country until victory is won.

SITUATION IS BETTER

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—It is learned in well-informed quarters in London that the situation on the western front yesterday was still very serious. It was, however, certainly no worse and, in fact might be described as a little better.

The German advance on the French front has very much slackened, although possibly only temporarily. The exhaustion of the German units is very apparent.

NO FURTHER

Parachute troops are being dropped close behind the lines. While the situation is very serious it in no way represents the catastrophic picture painted by some warmongers.

The Germans are putting every ounce of their energy into the thrust but it is felt the time must come when they can go no further.

Reuter's military correspondent writes: "There is no doubt the German tactics came as a surprise. The technique of the dive-bombing on the defenders, followed by rapid tank rushes, was difficult to counter, while the weight pattern than previously used by the Germans, was also a surprise."

LIEGE AND NAMUR FORTRESSES STILL INTACT

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—It is learned in authoritative London quarters this afternoon that the beleaguered fortresses in Liege and Namur are still intact.

A Berlin communique claims that over 2,000 Dutch and French troops have been taken prisoner in the islands of Schotwen and South Beveland.

It also states that at two places the Germans penetrated the outside belt of the fortresses at Antwerp. To the south of Maubeuge German armoured corps pierced the French frontier fortifications and destroying two enemy divisions. They pursued the retreating enemy, crossing the Sambre further to the south and pushing down to upper Oise.

FIGHTING GOING ON ALL DAY

PARIS, May 19 (Reuter).—A communique states that fighting continued all day with the same violence, chiefly in the region of Quise and Landreville, the enemy, despite considerable losses, is attacking in a westerly direction with powerful resources.

On the remainder of the front there is nothing of importance to report. Our bombers continued to harass the enemy's motorised columns which suffered heavily.

Numerous reconnaissances were carried out, and numerous enemy aeroplanes were brought down by our anti-aircraft fire and fighters.

PARIS, May 19 (Reuter).—It is announced that all factories working for the Air Force will work for 12 hours daily, including Sundays, until further orders.



Firmly seated in the middle of his four "pom poms" this marksman in a French bomber is scanning the space before him in the hope of finding an enemy craft. What seems to be a neck-face he is wearing is in reality several hundreds of machine-gun bullets.

R.A.F. Put Up Grand Fight Against Odds

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—The magnificent work of the R.A.F. who generally fight against great odds, continues to be a major feature of the operations on the western front.

The Air Ministry revealed yesterday that 10 Junkers 87 dive-bombers were circling over a wood when the Hurricanes dived to the attack, and the enemy planes frantically tried to avoid the British fighters, swooping to within 30 feet of the ground.

Their efforts were not successful and four Hurricanes each bagged an enemy plane. It was not before the Junkers were thoroughly routed that the Hurricanes withdrew.

DIVE BOMBERS ATTACKED
In Belgium, three Hurricanes attacked 20 Nazi dive-bombers. One of the enemy planes brought down crashed through the side of a house and burst into flames.

A squadron of Spitfires, patrolling the Dutch coast in the early morning, attacked a group of Junkers 88, the Germans' latest type dive-bombers.

The enemy dived from 40,000 feet to 30 feet at 400 miles an hour. They failed to shake off the Spitfires, who glided down leisurely in circles. When the Germans pulled out, a Spitfire pilot got in two bursts with his eight machine-guns on one of the Junkers.

With both engines disabled the Junkers hit a breakwater at 200 miles an hour and was smashed to smithereens.

HEAVY OPERATIONS
British Wireless states that the Air Ministry announces: "During the night, squadrons of the R.A.F. heavily bombed the bases and lines of communication in France and Belgium."

Other R.A.F. squadrons successfully attacked important military objectives in Western Germany.

The operations were again on a very heavy scale and none of our aircraft was lost.

R.A.F. DAYLIGHT ATTACKS

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry announces that the R.A.F. carried out further daylight attacks on enemy troops and focal points.

At night the R.A.F. also attacked objectives in Germany, France and Belgium. The crews of three British aircraft are missing.

SALES OF SALVAGED MATERIALS

LONDON, May 18 (BWS).—Returns now being completed for the month of April by the Supply Ministry show that sales of salvaged materials have increased in five months since the campaign started from a rate of £236,000 a year to £1,380,000.

The number of local authorities co-operating with the Ministry has increased from 316 to 850 and the population covered by salvage activities has risen, from 23,000,000 to over 37,000,000.

Waste paper collections alone increased from 4,500 tons to 15,000 tons. It is an equivalent amount of the materials salvaged had to be imported its cost might have been ten times as great.

"I congratulate the R.A.F. with all my heart and I wish them good luck and continued success."

UNJUSTIFIED AND CRUEL

PANAMA, May 19 (Reuter).—The protest being made by 21 American nations against Germany's invasion of the Low Countries states that "in accordance to the principles of International Law the American States consider unjustifiable and cruel, the violation by Germany of the neutrality and sovereignty of Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg and appeal for the re-establishment of right and justice among people."

Many German Tanks Lost

FRENCH SCORE SUCCESSES

PARIS, May 19 (Reuter).—The horrible carnage wrought amongst German tank columns by French tanks is described in a thrilling story just received from war correspondents with the French army in Belgium.

The Belgian Army was withdrawing to take up new positions on the west side of a river. It was vital that the bridges be kept open until the Belgian Army had crossed.

Suddenly, an aeroplane reported that German mechanised columns were staging a rapid advance.

French tanks went into action on a big scale. Within a few minutes, the German tank units and motorcyclists were a welter of smashed machinery and blood, and the rest of the Nazi tanks could not advance.

TERRIBLE SIGHT

"It was a terrible sight, inhuman, incredible," said an observer. "I've never imagined there could be such a fiendish noise."

The French tanks came down a hill at full throttle, cutting through the head of the advancing Nazi tanks and continuing on past.

He saw one French tank hit a German tank in the side. The German tank rolled over, wrecked. The French tank went on.

TANK MANOEUVRES

The French tanks carried out the manoeuvre at full speed. After cutting across the head of the column, they turned round, smashed their way through again, turned, and repeated it yet a third time.

German tanks were left spinning around helplessly. Some were upset, some were jammed, others blew up or went up in flames.

The German commander was forced to give the order to retreat, and the French were left masters of the field and ready for more.

SEA POWER STILL GREATEST

NEWPORT, R.I., May 19 (Reuter).—"Bear firmly in mind that sea power defeated Napoleon and it will be sea power today and tomorrow that will prevent another Dictator who lacks it from acquiring domination," said Admiral Yarnell, formerly commander-in-chief of the United States Asiatic Fleet, addressing the graduate class of the Naval War College yesterday.

Admiral Yarnell urged that the United States keep out of the war until she was assured that the men and the money would be spent to far better ends than in 1918.

Should the United States reach the end of her endurance, the war should be made a purely naval one and no troops should be sent abroad.

BUSINESS AS USUAL

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—While Londoners and the British people generally are following the war news with stern determination, their daily life continues undisturbed.

Theatres and cinemas are crowded and road and rail traffic are normal. But for newspapers' posters and uniforms in the streets and the balloon barrages overhead, the city maintains an unruffled appearance.

On Saturday evening the newspapers gave the usual prominence to sports items interspersed with news from France and Belgium.

While expressing concern over the German "blitz" into the Allied lines, Britons are sustained by the conviction that the present setback is only temporary and, moreover, are heartened by the splendid performances of the Royal Air Force.

SOUTH AFRICA WILL DO DUTY, WIN THROUGH

Neutrality Is Dead, Says Gen. Smuts In Speech

PRETORIA, May 19 (Reuter).—A reception, which Gen. J. C. Smuts himself described as being an "experience I have never had before," was accorded to the Prime Minister at the United Party rally here. A crowd consisting of thousands of people from all parts of the Transvaal cheered Gen. Smuts to the echo.

Gen. Smuts said the logical progression of events have proved that South Africa's decision to participate in the war was right. "Who dares to say today that Hitler and his Germany is not trying to dominate the world?" he asked.

Gen. Smuts added: "Neutrality is dead in the world. In half-a-dozen countries it has proved a snare to delusion. I do not care where I fight so long as I fight against Germany."

Referring to the present military situation in Europe, Gen. Smuts said, "Knowing what had happened in 1914, I expected the severest setbacks at the beginning of the war. The aggressor always has a great advantage at the beginning."

But, he said, the initial advantage did not last, "so do not be unduly depressed."

Gen. Smuts, concluding stated, "We are preparing now to take our part in the fight. I had a pretty tough job in organising our defences, but we are now making progress and I do not doubt that in this struggle South Africa will once more do her duty, win through and maintain her honour untarnished."

NORWAY WILL CONTINUE RESISTANCE

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—Norway will continue to resist the German invasion to the full extent of her power.

This is the gist of messages by King Haakon and the Norwegian Prime Minister on the occasion of Norwegian Independence Day.

FREEDOM WILL BE STORED
King Haakon's message said: "Norway has been assailed by a nation which is ignorant of freedom and cannot understand the revolting injustice of her action."

"The south of Norway has been temporarily given up but with the help of our Allies its freedom will be fully restored."

King Haakon exhorted Norwegians in the German occupied areas to have confidence and hope.

In a Scottish town, Norwegian exiles marched through the streets, wearing the Norwegian colours on their left breast.

In the evening a dinner was held at which a moving speech was made by a Norwegian sailor, who said: "We are confident that we will yet clear the Fatherland of these invaders."

S.M.C. WORKMEN ON STRIKE

Road-building workmen and scavengers in the International Settlement in Shanghai have been on strike for five days after they had failed to get a satisfactory reply from the Shanghai Municipal Council to their demand for improved treatment.

They were joined in the strike yesterday by workers of the Repairs Department.

Early on Saturday morning some of the disgruntled elements smashed public buses in Sincin Road. In view of the disturbance all shops in the vicinity boarded up, says Central News.

In the afternoon the S.M.C. summoned representatives of the workmen in an attempt to work out a solution.

As a result of the strike, refuse is piling high in many of the lanes.

ESPIONAGE CHARGE
BERNE, May 19 (Reuter).—Dr. Trueb, secretary of the legal department of the Swiss Army, was yesterday sentenced to eight years imprisonment for espionage. His wife to four years and an army accomplice to six years.

Trueb, who was described as a lieutenant-colonel on the Swiss Army Reserve, has been cashiered and his accomplice relegated to the ranks.

Reported missing last Thursday, a British youth, Ronald Fullerton, 15, who is working on a British steamer lying at Takoo Dock, has reported back to his ship.

JAPANESE RUMOURS ONLY

PARIS, May 19 (Reuter).—With reference to the report issued by the Japanese news agency on May 15, alleging that transit of arms to China from French territory has been resumed in increasing volume, it is authoritatively stated in Paris that "in November 1937 the French Government decided to ban all transit of arms by the Yunnan railway. Since then there has been none."

PREMIER AT JAPANESE EMBASSY

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—Mr. Churchill lunched with the Japanese Ambassador at the Japanese Embassy on Friday.

The French Ambassador to London, the Arabian Minister and the Japanese Minister At Large were also present.



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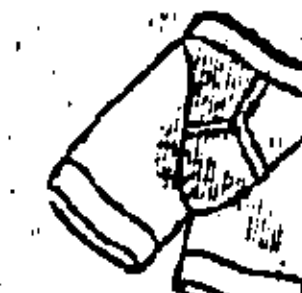
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ART EXHIBITION AT CATHEDRAL HALL

Many Fine Paintings By Erne Freedlander

ERNE FREEDLANDER, the European artist whose exhibition of monotypes last December evoked so much comment, has been busy since then—very busy indeed—and the result of all her work, some 40 paintings, mostly of Hongkong landscapes and faces, will be exhibited from today until Wednesday at St. John's Cathedral Hall. The paintings may be viewed from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily.

There are 50 paintings in all being exhibited, the work of the last few months supplemented by some of her earlier paintings which she considers to be among her best.

The exhibition is roughly divided into some 21 landscapes, 14 still life studies and 15 portraits. The landscapes are the artist's pride. She has tramped the paths about Ventris Road, Tin Hau Temple Road, Happy Valley and Causeway Bay for her sketches, and has sought to capture that blending of light which she believes is so peculiar to Hongkong.

The colours are deep and sombre, and provoking of drowsiness. They should be recognised as of Hongkong on a warm summer afternoon. The buildings are quaint, but that is the influence of the impressionists.

CHINESE STUDIES

The portraits are devoted mostly to Chinese studies, and the artist has managed to capture an impression of true China in very nearly every face. The best of these studies is one entitled "The Mirror" (No. 37) which portrays a woman looking into mirror and her face reflected in it. Another excellent portrait study is "Vision" (No. 45).

"Chinese Girl" (No. 40) leaves one wondering where the artist found a girl who could have retained long enough the mischievously calculating look that was recapture on the canvas. A study (No. 39) of an old-fashioned Chinese matron in black velvet headgear leaves also a sinister look in a rather pale face.

Some of the Nordic studies are good. "Harlekin" (No. 3), an impression of Picasso, "Masks" (No.

2) and "Mystery" (No. 34) being among the more interesting.

The still life studies are numerous and appear to have demanded more detail from the artist than her other work.

REGISTRY WEDDINGS

The following marriages took place on Saturday morning at the Registry:—

Mr. Lam Sheung-chung, aviation ground engineer, of No. 521 Nathan Road, and Miss Yan Chui-king, of No. 122 Kennedy Road;

Mr. Paul Pong Zung-chang, of No. 20 Morrison Hill Road, and Miss Lucy Chen, of No. 61 Wong-nichong Road;

Mr. Kwan You-shing, merchant, of No. 22 Ring Hon Road, and Miss Chu Yin-tai, of No. 4 Lung Kong Road.

Badly damaging the front of his own machine, Mr. Poon Tso-ting of Broadwood Road, collided with a stationary car in Essex Crescent, Kowloon Tong, at 8 p.m. on Saturday. The mishap took place as Mr. Poon was on the point of turning into Stafford Road.

On Saturday morning at the Marine Court two Chinese were fined \$5 and \$1, respectively or an alternate of five and one days in goal, after having been found guilty of throwing rubbish into the harbour waters. The two men preferred imprisonment to the payment of fines.

Model Plane Contest

BIGGEST HELD IN FAR EAST

Many local model-aeroplane enthusiasts and spectators attended the fourth semi-annual model-aeroplane contest, held yesterday morning in the spacious fields at the end of Waterloo Road, Kowloon.

More than a hundred planes took part in what is considered to be the biggest model aeroplane contest held in the Far East so far.

Spectators thrilled to the sight of stream-lined models, built to scale and powered by real gasoline motors, which took off under their own power to circle as long as the fuel lasted.

However, there were only six gasoline-powered model planes compared to about 90 rubber-band motivated models. Gliders were catapulted into the air by their owners to soar lightly in the breeze.

There were some unavoidable crashes and "crack-ups" in the model aeroplane fleet. Other models attained altitudes of over a 100 feet. Some beautiful flying and neat landings were seen, reminiscent of the performance of real air-liners.

MORE JAPANESE SAVAGERY

Another attack by Japanese aircraft on Chinese fishing junks was reported to the Police on Saturday by Kong Yuk-ting, a junk master, who was admitted later to the Queen Mary Hospital suffering from bullet wounds in the left leg.

According to Kong, his junk was bombed and machine-gunned by a Japanese plane on May 9 near Ma Tin Village off the coast of Ho Fung. The boat was destroyed.

He was picked up by a passing junk and brought to the Colony, arriving in Hongkong on Saturday.

OATHS OF OFFICE

HON. MR. N. L. SMITH TO ADMINISTER GOVERNMENT

The ceremony of swearing-in the Officer Administering the Government, the Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, C.M.G., took place at 12.30 p.m. yesterday in the Council Chamber in the presence of members of the Executive and Legislative Councils and other high officials.

The oaths of office were administered by the Chief Justice, His Honour Sir Atholl MacGregor.

Speaking to the distinguished assembly, His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government said:—

This is not the time for elaborate ceremonial or for long speeches but I should like to thank you all for coming today at what must be a somewhat inconvenient hour to launch me on my administration.

It is however to our departing Governor that our thoughts must chiefly turn. In the short space of two and a half years Sir Geoffrey Northcote has endeared himself in a remarkable manner with all sections of the community and I think it will be the wish of those present here today that the Colony's good wishes and prayers should be conveyed to him at this time.

I propose therefore, with your concurrence, to send him the following message:—

"Executive and Legislative Councils assembled with Naval Commander-in-Chief, Chief Justice and Police Judge for swearing in ceremony desire in the name of the whole Colony to express their deep concern in the medical reports which have compelled you against your own wish to proceed on leave. They wish you and Lady Northcote a safe journey and a happy return with your health completely restored."

THOSE PRESENT

The proposal was greeted with acclamation.

Besides His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, the following were present: His Excellency Sir Percy Noble (Commander-in-Chief of the

Airport News

INWARD MAIL DELAYED

Imperial Airways outward plane left Kai Tak yesterday morning. She took away 247 kilos of mail and two passengers, Dr. Newton, an American travelling to England, and Mr. Amman.

The inward mail plane, with London mails of May 11, which was due to arrive in Hongkong yesterday afternoon was delayed at Hanoi and is now expected to arrive at Kai Tak today.

CLIPPER TOMORROW

Pan American Airways Honolulu Clipper is due to arrive at Kai Tak tomorrow afternoon and will return to Manila on Wednesday morning.

AIR FRANCE

Air France's Direct Service, with Paris mails dated May 15, is scheduled to arrive in Hongkong on Wednesday. The outward service is due to leave Kai Tak on Thursday morning.

China Station). His Honour Sir Atholl MacGregor (Chief Justice), Brigadier A. B. Thomson, the Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, the Hon. Mr. H. R. Butters, Mr. W. J. Carrie, the Hon. Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, Sir Shouson Chow, the Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall, Commodore A. M. Peters, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, His Honour Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Police Judge), the Hon. Cmr. G. F. Hole, the Hon. Dr. Li Shu-fan, the Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, the Hon. Mr. T. H. King, the Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields, and the Hon. Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam.

APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments were announced in a Government Gazette Extraordinary issued after the meeting:—

Mr. Roland Arthur Charles North to act as Colonial Secretary; Mr. William James Carlie to act as Secretary for Chinese Affairs; Mr. George Stacy Kennedy-Skipiton to be Chairman of the U.I. Council; Mr. Garrod Trevorton, to be Private Secretary to His Excellency

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JAPANESE ON MURDER CHARGE

Ohto Tainosuke, Japanese proprietor of the Nagasaki Joe beer hall in Wanchai, was arraigned before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions on Saturday on a charge of attempted murder of his wife, Mitsuko Ohto.

Mr. D. J. N. Anderson, instructed by Mr. W. A. Mackinlay, appeared for accused and entered a plea of not guilty. Accused was remanded on bail to appear for trial on Wednesday.

the Officer Administering the Government;

Mr. Brian Cecil Fay, Police Cadet, to be Aide-de-Camp to His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government.

SNATCHERS IN COURT

Two European ladies were the victims of handbag snatchers in Tsimshatsui district on Friday. They were Mrs. A.E. Perry, of Railway Terrace, and Miss Prata, of Hankow Road.

The snatchers were sentenced each to six months' hard labour and 10 strokes of the cane by Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon Court on Saturday.

The first case, in which Mrs. Perry was the victim, occurred outside the Children's Playground in Chatham Road. Mrs. Perry chased the snatcher a distance of some 50 yards and caught him herself.

Miss Prata was victimised in Cameron Road. She raised an alarm and an Indian officer of the H.K.S.R.A. chased and arrested the thief.

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MUSSOLINI WANTS TO FIGHT—WHEN? TODAY, TOMORROW, ANY TIME?

The pattern of Italy's future is still as obscure as Benito Mussolini's skill could make it. But from the doubt has emerged certain strong probabilities.

VIVID MEMORY

Italy would not go into the war on the side of the Allies. Her experience in and after the almost profitless last war is too vivid a memory. Besides, she has nothing to carve from Germany. If an Allied victory became probable, Italy would stay out right until the end, and then wield the nuisance value of an intact army to force general redistribution of the spoils at the peace conference.

Close collaboration with Russia could not be crammed down Italian throats as it was down German. If there is any sort of tripartite collaboration, it will probably be only economic.

In case the war goes Germany's way, Italy might enter, but only when the issue is clear and the last battle half-fought. In the last analysis Italy has far more to gain from beating the Allies with Germany than from watching the Allies win—to wit, a juicy slice of the French colonial empire, plus a share in control of Central Europe.

Despite the magnificent performance of political juggling, Benito has put on in the last six months, Italy's future may not coincide with Benito Mussolini's personal desires.

Reason: he still wants to fight—today, tomorrow, any time, and his people, who are not and never have been fighters since the days of Charlemagne, want to stay out—for keeps.

AN ATHLETE

Napoleon Bonaparte rode his power for a span of just less than 20 years. Benito Mussolini has

been in the saddle 18. He is getting on, and he knows it. If he is ever to lead a Roman triumph up the Quirinal, it must be soon.

Il Duce carries his 55 years with desperate virility. Every morning before going to work he takes a fierce ride in the grounds of Villa Torlonia. Every afternoon between 2 and 3 he plays tennis with a professional who gets \$50 a month. Roman electricians say they have been busy lately connecting private telephone wires between Government offices and the apartments of certain blonde ladies—so that no matter what or where he exercises, Il Duce can get last-minute bulletins on the international situation and issue instant orders.

Fifteen years ago, he suffered an operation for stomach ulcers, and ever since he has lived ascetically. He never smokes. His breakfast consists of about two pounds of fruit, and coffee latte (half-and-half coffee and milk), for lunch spaghetti, rarely meat and seldom wine, a huge salad, fruit for dessert, for dinner about the same things as for lunch, and fruit and milk before retiring.

REPORTS THAT INFURIATE

Reports that he is sick infuriate him. When they were in circulation, he used to call reporters to his home and ride like mad up and down before them to demonstrate his soundness. But of late he has appeared less in public than he used to, has not spoken from the Piazza Venezia balcony since October, almost never receives the press. Last autumn for the first time in many years he failed to appear—stripped to the waist, swinging a pitchfork, sweating up his massive chest—at the Pontine Marshes harvest.

His energy is certainly still gargantuan, and he still keeps tabs on everything and everyone. Last

week he conferred with Count Dino Grandi on the codification of labor laws, talked with Hungarian Premier Count Teleki, witnessed experiments with incendiary bombs and defenses against them, rewarded aviators and received journalists who served in the Spanish war, turned the crank of an invention designed to extract iron ore from black sand along the coast near Rome, conferred with Crown Prince Umberto about that half of the Army which the Prince commands.

Benito Mussolini is still, a virtuoso of politics, a wizard with economic and military gadgets, an athlete, a leader of men. It makes him very sad that no one, not even his beloved countrymen, pays much attention to him as he clatters eagerly up and down Europe's sideline, warming up. They believe that if he gets into the game at all, it will be just long enough to win his letter.

Perseverance In Turkey

Two months ago, when Russia was trying to get her paws on the elusive Finns, Turkey's Foreign Minister Shokru Saracoglu talked tough.

Turkish Defence Minister General Maci Tinnaz was busy building military roads to the Russian frontier. Recently, General Tinnaz resigned "for reasons of health." A day earlier President Ismet Inonu and Foreign Minister Saracoglu had a 90-minute talk with the British Ambassador, Sir Hugh Montgomery Knatchbull-Hugessen, who was about to go to London for a conference.

What they told him:
(1) "No danger of war exists in the Balkans."
(2) "Turkey does not intend to enter war against Russia."
(3) "Turkey perseveres in her decision to remain outside the war."

With the cat on duty again, the Turkish mice were not feeling so frolicsome.

MIDDLE OF GREAT FREE FIGHT

PARIS, May 19 (Reuter).—The general impression from the High Command and Army reports is that we are in the middle of a great free fight and that the battle is hard, said the War Ministry spokesman yesterday.

He added: "The situation is very serious but in no way presents a catastrophic character. The High Command maintains perfect mastery in its decisions and we can only wait the result with confidence in the commanders and the army."

STRATEGIC WITHDRAWAL
The spokesman said, the withdrawal of the British and Belgian armies to positions west of Brussels was voluntarily carried out for purely strategic reasons and was accomplished without material hindrance from the enemy.

We have lost a certain amount of territory but our troops are becoming accustomed to tank onslaughts. On several occasions our troops launched successful counter-attacks.

NOT LOSING BATTLE

There is no question of this being a losing battle. The French and British air forces made a formidable contribution. All points where the Germans must cross the Meuse were heavily bombed, German columns, and especially armoured car concentration, were the targets of massive bombings.

WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory
10 a.m., May 19.
Barometer (at sea level), 29.97 ins.
Temperature, 78 F.
Humidity, 84 per cent.
Wind Direction, E/N
Wind Force (Beaufort), 3.
Temperature: maximum yesterday, 79 F.
Temperature: minimum last night, 71 F.
Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10th today, 0.01 in.
Total rainfall since January 1st 23.98 ins.
Against an average of, 17.04 ins.
Sunset to-night, 6.58 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 5.41 a.m.
4 p.m.: May 19.
Barometer (at sea level), 29.90 ins.
Temperature, 73 F.
Humidity, 93 per cent.
Wind Direction, WNW.
Wind Force (Beaufort), 1.
Maximum temperature, 77 F.
Minimum temperature, 71 F.
Rainfall, nil.

MERCHANT SHIPPING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

The Government Gazette notices that the following proviso is added at the end of section 4 of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, and section 3 of the Merchant Shipping (Aliens' Employment) Ordinance, 1922:—
Provided that nothing in this section or in any other enactment to the contrary shall be deemed to prevent the employment of any subject or former subject of Denmark or of any other foreign state which may be specified by the Governor in Council, from acting as master or officer of any grade in a British ship if the Governor has granted him an authority to act in such capacity or if such subject is in possession of an authority (issued by the Minister of Shipping in the United Kingdom, by His Majesty's Government in any Dominion, or by the Government of India, or by the Government of any British Colony, overseas territory, protectorate, or protected State, or of any territory in respect of which a mandate on behalf of the League of Nations has been accepted by His Majesty) authorizing him to act in such capacity.

MONEY MARKET ACTIVITIES

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—In the money market overnight loans continue to be plentiful at cheap rates. Applications amounted to £115,000,000 for the £85,000,000 offered. The average rate of allotment was £10.488d, which is similar to last week's. The market syndicate, however, received a slightly smaller quota of the 47 per cent.

BELGIAN ARMY MORALE HIGH

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter).—Reuter's correspondent, somewhere in Belgium, reports that a Belgian communique states proceeding normally.

Belgian troops held up attempted attacks by the enemy at many points of the front. In Antwerp province, especially, they repulsed German attacks inflicted heavy losses on the attackers. The morale of the Belgian Army remains good and the soldiers show no sign of being discouraged. They expressed themselves in courageous terms when interviewed.

The patriotic feeling of the population remains high and the civilians are showing stoic courage despite air raids.

In Riverhead, L. I. William Fitting, taxi driver, sued a utilities company for bodily injury because he tripped on a valve, broke both his wooden legs. He won.

H.K. STOCK EXCHANGE

A quiet morning, though a few bargains were recorded at what may ultimately prove attractive to the buyers.

SELLERS

Unions, \$485.
Docks Rts. (Cum.), \$21.
Docks Rts., \$54.
China Lights (Old), \$71.

SALES

H.K. Banks, \$1,350.
Unions, \$485.
Lands, \$35.
Realities, \$41,420.
Star Ferries, \$80.
China Lights (Old), \$7.20.
China Lights (New), \$41.

MANILA GOLD SHARES

Atoks 13 1/2, Antamok 08 1/2, Bagulo Gold 15 1/2, Batong Buhay 00 1/2, Benguet Consol. 450 1/2, Big Wedge 14 1/2, Coco Grove 04 1/2, Con. Mines 00 1/2, Demonstration 05 1/2, I.X.L. 25 1/2, Ipo Gold 06 1/2, Itogon Mining 18 1/2, Masbate Consol. 07 1/2, Mine Operations 06 1/2, North Gamarines 02 1/2, San Mauricio 50 1/2, Surigao Consolidated 13 1/2, Suyoc Consolidated 09 1/2, United Paracale 16 1/2, Mindanao Motherlode 06 1/2.

HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Volume Of Business Transacted on Saturday, May 18, 1940.

H.K. Tramways 500 18.50
H.K. Lands 200 35.00
Realities 100 4.20
China Lights (Old) 200 7.35
..... 100 7.25
..... 500 7.20
..... 500 7.00
Cements 200 15.80
H.K. Electric, 1 64.00
Entertainments 150 7.00
..... 2,451

The total value is \$29,239

TRADE TALKS WITH TURKEY

BELGRADE, May 19 (Reuter).—Trade negotiations with Turkey will start next week. The Yugoslavian trade delegation has returned, well satisfied from Moscow.

CHURCH WORKER PASSES AWAY

The death occurred on Friday evening of Mrs. C. Apau, formerly of Honolulu. Deceased was 76 years of age and is survived by three daughters, a son and several grandchildren.

The widow of the late Mr. Chang Apau of Honolulu, she had been in Hongkong for more than 20 years. She was born in Canton.

Very much interested in religious work, she taught Sunday school at St. Peter's Church, Honolulu, for a number of years. Her death will be deeply felt by numerous friends. The funeral took place yesterday at the Chinese Christian Cemetery, Pokfulam. There were many who attended, and many wreaths were sent.

HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

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Buyer	Seller	Sales	Nominal	Buyer	Seller	Sales	Nominal
SATURDAY 18, MAY.							
Banks							
...	...	\$1430/25	...	H.K. Banks	...	...	\$1400
...	...	285	...	Do. (Col. Reg.)	...	...	285
...	...	280	...	Do. (Loc. Reg.)	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Chartered Bank	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Overseas-Chinese	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Bank of East Asia	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	N. C. & S. Bank	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Insurance	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Union Insurance	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Underwriters	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	H.K. Fire	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Shipping	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Douglas	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Indo-China (Prof.)	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Indo-China (Del.)	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Shells	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Waterworks	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	H.K. & K. Wharves	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Providence	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Providence (new)	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	H.K. Docks & Rts.	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	H.K. Docks & Rts.	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Shanghai Docks & Rts.	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Mining	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Kailash	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Venezuela Gold Fld	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Hong Kong Mines	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Lands, Hotels and Buildings	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	H.K. Hotels	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	H.K. Lands	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Do. 4 1/2 Debenhams	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Shanghai Lands	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	H.K. Realities	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Hampshire	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Chinese Estates	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Cotton Mills	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Kow. (S.)	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Shai Kokom (S.)	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Zong Sing (S.)	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Wing On (S.)	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Public Utilities	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Tramways	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Bank of China	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Star Ferry	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Yantai Ferries	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Do. (new)	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	China Lights (O)	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	China Lights (New)	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	China Lights Rts.	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	H.K. Electric	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Macao Electric	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Sandakan Light	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Telephone (old)	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Telephone (new)	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Tramways (new)	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Industrials	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Cald, Macg. (Ord.)	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Cald, Macg. (Prof.)	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Canton Ind.	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Cement	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Hope	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Miscellaneous	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Dairy Farm	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Dairy Farm	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Ch. E. Lammie	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Constructions (old)	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Constructions (new)	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Lane Crawford	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Nanyang Tobacco	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Sinoco	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Watsons	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Ch. G. & S. 1933 S.B.	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	H.K. Govt. 4 1/2 Loan	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	H.K. Govt. 5 1/2 Loan	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	H.K. Wing On	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Shai Wing On	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Vibro Piling	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Marmans Inv. (Loc.)	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Marmans Inv. (H.K.)	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Wm. Poyell	...	...	280
...	...	280	...	Sales Co. Shanghai	...	...	280

HOW JAPANESE STAGED THEIR PUPPET-SHOW

"TRAITOR WANG," FORMER CHINESE PREMIER WANG CHING-WEI, plays an important part in the Japanese puppet-show. For over a year while the Japs hoped that Chiang Kai-shek's Chinese Government would surrender, the "Traitor" was kept waiting in the wings.

Recently Jap showmen pushed him on the stage. At a meeting of Chinese puppet representatives in the ancient capital of Nanking, Wang Ching-wei was proclaimed head of the new Jap-controlled "Chinese Government."

TURNED TERRORIST

Handsome and in his middle fifties, Wang was once a revolutionary and a newspaper editor. Turning terrorist with his fiancée, he tried to blow up the Prince Regent of China by bombing a bridge.

He was arrested and would have been tortured and executed, but his good looks so fascinated the lecherous old Dowager Empress that she secured his pardon. He was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Released by the revolution in 1911, Wang became chief assistant of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, the father of modern China. Later he was a leading politician and rival of Chiang Kai-shek.

SECRET FRIEND

For a time Wang was exceedingly chummy with the Communists. But just as Chiang moved toward the left, so Wang moved to the right. By the time Chiang Kai-shek was using Communist assistance to fight Japan, Wang had become a secret friend of the Japanese. Early last year, he bolted from Chiang's capital, Chungking, and joined the invaders.

Recently delegates from the various local puppet governments of Northern China, Central China and Inner Mongolia acknowledged Wang as their chief. His first act was to broadcast an assurance of everlasting friendship to Japan.

With friendly condescension, Admiral Mitsumasa Yonai, the Japanese Premier, replied promising Japan's unstinted support. Next, the stooge issued a proclamation to Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's fighting troops. He commanded them to cease resisting the Japanese, and to await his Wang's orders.

WANG'S PROGRAMME
Wang's own programme for the "regeneration of China had as its points: protection of China's independence by "peaceful diplomacy," co-operation with Japan's "new order in Asia," suppression of the Communists, reconstruction of China with the help of the capital of friendly powers.

This last clause may have been meant as a friendly gesture to the Western democracies and to the United States. But from Washington came a quick rebuff. "We continue to recognise the Chinese Government under Chiang Kai-shek which has the support of the greater part of the Chinese people," said State Secretary Cordell Hull this week.

DEPRIVED INDIVIDUALS

From Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Chungking headquarters orders went out for the arrest of another 77 of Wang's supporters. Chiang also issued a statement denouncing Wang and his friends as "deprived individuals with no sense of honour or decency."

What especially annoyed Chiang's supporters was that the new puppet regime had adopted the Chinese national flag. "Wang is using the national flag to wrap up his loot," said a Chungking official.

To encourage the fighting Marshal, the three famous Soong sisters, Madame Chiang Kai-shek, Madame H. H. King and Madame Sun, Leftist widow of the great revolutionary, had lived in retirement in Hongkong for quite a time. Madame Chiang had gone there recently for her health.

A favourite Chinese place of pilgrimage is Hangchow, where the kneeling statue of a mediaeval traitor and his wife is visited each year by thousands who spit upon it. Nationalists this week were collecting money for a kneeling statue of Mr. and Mrs. Wang at Chungking upon which to try their aim.

DENS & YENS

Meanwhile a hot little row started at Macao, picturesque Portuguese settlement 40 miles south of Hongkong. Famed for its gambling houses, Macao is known as the "Monte Carlo of the Orient." Many of its citizens are of mixed Portuguese and Chinese blood.

To secure recognition of their local puppets, the Japanese surrounded the settlement with soldiers and stopped its trade with the hinterland.

Japanese soldiers entered the town and made themselves a nuisance. Some ordered meals at hotels and left without paying. Others walked into the gambling dens and forced the croupiers to accept their Yen noted at fantastic exchange rates.

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HONG KONG TIDE TABLE
From 20 to 28 May 1940.

HIGH WATER

FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

BANKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE
QUOTATION
(REUTER'S SERVICE)

STOCKS	May 18	May 19, 1940	STOCKS	May 18	May 19, 1940
Adams Express	52		J. & Laughlin Steel	57	50 1/2
Allegheny Steel Co.	18 1/2		Kennecott Copper	28	
Allied Stores	5 1/2		Lakey Foundry & Mac.	3	
Allis Chalmers	23 1/2		Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	35	
Aluminum Ltd.	75 1/2		Lockheed Aircraft	33 1/2	
Amer. Can.	85		Loew's Inc.	24	
American Cyanamid B.	29 1/2		Loft Incorporated	21	
Amer. & Foreign Power	14		Mack Truck Inc.	20 1/2	
Amer. & Foreign \$7 pf.	27		Martin, Glen L.	37	
American Gas & Elec.	14		McKesson & Robbins, pf.	20	
Amer. Locomotive	12 1/2		Montgomery Ward	94 1/2	
Amer. Metals Co.	15		National Gypsum	37 1/2	
Amer. Radiator	5 1/2		National Aviation	12 1/2	
Amer. Rolling Mill	11		Nat. Dairy Products	13 1/2	
Amer. Siding and Ring Co.	38 1/2		Nat. Distillers	20	
Amer. Sugar Refining	15 1/2		National Lead	16 1/2	
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	77		Nat. Power & Light	6 1/2	
Amer. Tobacco "B"	6 1/2		National Steel Corp.	54	
Amer. Waterworks	6 1/2		National Supply Corp.	51	
Anacosta Copper	22 1/2		New York Central	10 1/2	
Atchafalpa T. & S. Fe.	14 1/2		Niagara Hudson Power	4	
Autumn Motors	11 1/2		N. American Aviation	20 1/2	
Aviation Corp.	6 1/2		North American Co.	16 1/2	
Bacok & Wilcox	20		Northern Pacific	5 1/2	
Baldwin Locomotive	15 1/2		Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	51 1/2	
Baltimore & Ohio	3 1/2		Pacific Gas & Elec.	27 1/2	
Barber Asphalt Co.	9 1/2		Pacific Lighting	38	
Barnes Oil	8 1/2		Packard Motors	2 1/2	
Bell Aircraft Corp.	20 1/2		Pan-American Airways	14 1/2	
Bendix Aviation	30 1/2		Paramount Pictures	4 1/2	
Bethlehem Steel	76 1/2		Pennsylvania R.R.	16 1/2	
Bliss & Co.	16 1/2		Phelps-Dodge	29	
Boeing Airplane Co.	20 1/2		Philadelphia Read. Coal	1	
Borg-Warner	16		Phillips Petroleum	32 1/2	
Bridgeport Brass Corp.	15 1/2		Pittsburgh Coke & Iron	6	
Briggs Mfg.	18		Public Service of N.J.	33 1/2	
Brooklyn-Manhattan Trans.	106 1/2		Pullman Inc.	19 1/2	
Brooklyn-Manhattan Trans.	106 1/2		Pure Oil	7 1/2	
Budd Manufacturing Corp.	3 1/2		Radio Corp. of Am.	4 1/2	
Canadian Pacific Rwy.	49 1/2		Reading Company, Com.	11 1/2	
Case, J.I.	24		Remington Arms Co., Inc.	4 1/2	
Celanese	32 1/2		Republic Aviation Corp.	5 1/2	
Chesapeake & Ohio	32 1/2		Republic Steel	16 1/2	
Chrysler Corp.	32 1/2		Revere Cop. & Brass Inc.	8 1/2	
Climax-Molybdenum Co.	28		Reynold Tobac. "B"	6	
Columbia Gas & Elec.	79 1/2		Richfield Oil	35	
Columbia 6% "A" pf.	80 1/2		Safeway Stores	25	
Columbia 6% "A" pf.	80 1/2		Schenley Distillers	8 1/2	
Commercial Credit Co.	32 1/2		Sears Roebuck	65	
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	25		Shell Union Oil	9 1/2	
Consolidated Edison	64		Socoma-Vacuum Oil	8 1/2	
Consolidated Oil	36 1/2		Southern Pacific	8	
Continental Can	20		Southern Ry \$5 pf.	16 1/2	
Continental Oil	18 1/2		Sperry	39	
Copperweld Steel	50		Spicer Manufacturing Co.	26 1/2	
Corn Products	50		Standard Brands	14 1/2	
Curtiss Wright (C.)	9 1/2		Stand Gas & Elec.	19 1/2	
Curtiss Wright "A"	25		Standard Oil of California	1 1/2	
Deere & Co.	16 1/2		Standard Oil of N.J.	64 1/2	
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	14 1/2		Stone & Webster	7 1/2	
Douglas Aircraft	84 1/2		Studebaker Corp.	22	
Du Pont de Nemours	159 1/2		Swift International	11	
Eagle Picher Lead	7 1/2		Technicolor	22	
Eaton Mfg. Co.	28		Texas Corp.	37 1/2	
Elec. Autolite	29 1/2		Texas Gulf Sulphur	28 1/2	
Elec. Bond & Share	41		Timken-Axle	20 1/2	
Elec. Bond & Share \$5 pf.	50		Trans-America Co.	4 1/2	
Elec. Bond & Share \$8 pf.	55		20th Cent. Fox	6	
Elec. Power & Light \$7 pf.	23 1/2		20th Cent. Fox \$1 pf.	17	
Fisk Rubber	19 1/2		Union Bag & Paper Corp.	11 1/2	
Flintkote	12 1/2		Union Carbide & Carbon	68	
Gen. American Trans.	39		Union Pacific	48 1/2	
Gen. Electric	29 1/2		United Aircraft	14 1/2	
Gen. Motors	42 1/2		United Airlines Trans.	11 1/2	
Gen. Railway Signal	10		United Corp.	3 1/2	
Gen. Tire & Rubber	12 1/2		United Corp. \$3 cum pf.	11 1/2	
Gildden Co.	11 1/2		United Gas Corp.	14	
Goodrich (B.F.)	45 1/2		United Gas Improvement	11	
Goodrich \$5 pf.	15		U.S. Industrial Alcohol	17 1/2	
Goodyear Tire & Co.	12		U.S. Rubber	18 1/2	
Great Northern Iron Ore	19 1/2		U.S. Rubber \$8 pf.	78	
Great Northern Ry. pf.	22 1/2		U.S. Steel	50	
Great Western Sugar	10 1/2		Vanadium	33 1/2	
Greyhound Corp.	10 1/2		Vulcan Aircraft	31	
Hercules Powder Co.	87		Walworth Co.	21	
Homestead Mining	46 1/2		Warner Bros. Pict.	90	
International Harvester	39 1/2		Westinghouse Elec.	22 1/2	
Int Nickel	22 1/2		Woodward Iron Cor.	27 1/2	
Inter. Paper & Power	13		Chase National Bank	22 1/2	
Int. Tel. & Tel.	21		National City Bank	22 1/2	
Johns-Manville	52				

DOW JONES AVERAGE

1939/40	May 17	May 18	May 19, 1940	Change
High	131.40	131.40	131.40	1.77
Low	121.40	121.40	121.40	1.16
Dow Jones Average	121.40	121.40	121.40	1.16
Industrials	24.13	24.13	24.13	1.16
Rails	19.87	19.87	19.87	1.16
Utilities	24.13	24.13	24.13	1.16
Bonds	65.67	65.67	65.67	1.16
Commodity Index	65.67	65.67	65.67	1.16

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
(REUTER'S SERVICE)

London, May 17	London, May 18	London, May 19
Homan Ry. 5%	12	
Hukuang Ry. 5%, 1911	16	
Hukuang Ry. 5%, 1911	13	
(German Issue)		
Lung Tsing & U. Hai	11	
Ry. 5% 1913	11	
S'hai-N'K'ing Ry. 5%	17	
Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5%	11	
(Brit. Stpd.)		
Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5%	11	
(German Stpd.)		
Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5%	11	
(Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan)		
Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5%	11	
(Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan)		
Jap. 5% Ster. Loan, 1907	35 1/2	
Jap. 5% Ster. Loan, 1924	41	
Jap. 7% Intl. Loan, 1924	64	
Chartered Bank	8 1/2	
H.K. & S'hai Bank (Ldn.	80	
Reg.)		
H.K. & S'hai Bank (Col.	82	
Reg.)		
Chinese Eng. & Mining	19	
Loan		

MONEY AND
EXCHANGE
CLOSING QUOTATIONS

STOCKS	May 18	May 19, 1940
On London:		
Telegraphic Transfer	1/2 27/32	
Bank Bills, on demand	1/2 27/32	
Credits 4 months' sight	1 3/5 3/32	
On Shanghai:		
On demand	350	
On Singapore:		
On demand	58 5/8	
On Japan:		
On demand	83 1/2	
On India:		
Telegraphic Transfer	82 3/8	
and demand		
On New York:		
Bank Bills, on demand	19 5/8	
Credits, 60 days' sight	20 5/8	
On Batavia:		
On demand	36 3/4	
On Paris:		
Bank Bills, on demand	1088	
Credits 4 months' sight	1143	
On Saigon:		
On demand	108 1/2	
On Manila:		
On demand	39 1/4	
On Bangkok:		
On demand	149 3/4	
On Sterling Notes:		
Bank Buying Rate	1/4	
Bar Silver per oz.	33 1/2	

Market Report
The price for Ready Silver was unchanged yesterday at 23 1/2 but the forward rate dropped 5/16 to 23. Silver advances reported the Continent as having bought to a small extent for Cash. Speculators resold and demand was scarce. The market closed steady but quiet. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.

The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 40 1/2. New York-London was quoted at 32 1/2.

STERLING
There were sellers at 1/2 15/16 for near and forward, buyers at 1/2 31/32 for any delivery.

U.S. DOLLARS
Opened with sellers at 19 7/8 but the rate gradually rose to 20 1/8 at which rate some business was done followed by transactions at 20 1/16 for May. The market closed with probable sellers at 20 1/16 for May and 20 for June. Buyers at 20 1/8 Cash and probably 20 1/16 for June.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS
Opened with sellers at 365 with business done later at 362 and 361. At the close there were sellers at 360.

SHANGHAI MARKET
Sterling opened with sellers at 4 1/32 and at the close sellers were reported at 4 7/8. Steadier.

Shanghai Exchange
Shanghai, May 18 (Reuter),
Official T.T. Rates

London 0/3-1/2
New York 4 11/16

Chosen Corporation 6 1/2
Pekin Syndicate 2
S'hai Elec. Constr. Co. 15
S'hai Waterworks "A" 15
Union Insurance 28
Gula Kalmpong Rubber 18 1/2
Allied Ironfounders 13 1/8
Asso. & Elec. Industries 38/9
Austin Motors, ord. 15
Cable & Wireless, New Form, ord. 50 1/2
B.-A.-Tob. (bearer) 95 7/8
Mercantile Bank 12 1/2
Camell Laird, ord. 6 1/2
Mexican Eagle 4 1/2
Courtaulds 33/9
Distillers 62/3
Dunlop Rubber 32/8
Gen. Electric (England) 78 1/2
Guinness (A) Son & Co. 75
Hawker Siddeley Airc. 10 1/4
Bristol Aeroplane 12 1/2
Imperial Chemical Ind. 29 7/8
Imperial Tobacco 104 1/4
Marks & Spencer "A" ord. 38
Rolls Royce 50 7/8
Leyland Motors 65
Tate & Lyle 50 7/8
Turner & Newall 64/6
United Steel 21/9
Smethwick Drop Forg. 13/8
Armstrong Stevens, ord. 7
Pressed Steel, com. 15
Vickers, ord. 16 1/2
Woolworths 55/3
Anglo-Dutch 20
Rub. Plant. Invest. Trust 26/9
Burma Corporation 8/3
Commonwealth Mining 12
Marsman Investments 38 1/4
Randfontein Estates 10/9
Western Holdings 195
Sub-Nigel 44 1/2
Tanami Gold Mining 48 1/2
Anglo-Iranian 66/3
Burmah 61/3
Shell Trans. & Trad. (bearer) 61/3
—Nominal

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NEW YORK COTTON: Continued foreign liquidation was steadily absorbed by the Trade. The weekly weather forecast is favourable.

NEW YORK RUBBER: The market is now awaiting quota news.

CHICAGO WHEAT: The drastic decline is expected to accelerate a government loan announcement.

NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close, 124.20; Today's close, 122.43; Change, off 1.77.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

STOCKS	May 18	May 19, 1940
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NEW YORK RUBBER
May 22.15 N
July 20.15/19.55
September 18.50/45
December 18.50/60
January 18.30/30
Total sales—2,460 tons.

CHICAGO WHEAT
May 86 1/2
July 84 1/2
September 85 1/2
Total sales—48,249,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN
May 61 1/2
July 60 1/2
September 60 1/2
Winnipeg Wheat
May 70 1/2
July 68 1/2
October 72 1/2

NEW YORK HIDES
June 11.10/10
September 10.50/45
December 10.50/51
New York Official 34-3/4
NY-London Cross Rate 3.21

LONDON METALS EXCHANGE
London, May 17 (Reuter).
TIN
buyers 239-3/4
sellers 239-3/4
Standard, Cash 288-1/2
3 months 286-1/2
Standard, 286-3/4

SILVER MARKET
BOMBAY SILVER
Bombay, May 18 (Reuter).
Market—Steady. Offerings 100 bars
Indian Mint Silver
Ready 63-10
June 3 Settlement 63-09
July 2 Settlement 63-12

India Rupee Paper
Bombay, May 18 (Reuter).
Government, 3 1/2% Rupee, 88-08-0 nominal.
Calcutta Exchange
Calcutta, May 18 (Reuter).
T.T. on Japan, 99.

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ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Thirty nine passengers disembarked in Hongkong from an American liner from the south:

Mr. G. Aboussleman, Mr. Vicente Aldanese, Mr. R. C. Chen, Mr. Cho Min Chong, Mr. Chow Sik Hong, Mr. Chan Kai Ping, Mr. E. Co Seteng, Mr. M. Sebastian Curley, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Degan, Mrs. V. de los Santos, Mrs. J. E. Dice, Capt. P. Heesch, Mr. George Lee, Mr. H. Le Gate, Mrs. A. Leong and two sons, Mr. Loo Koi Sem.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Marquez Lim, Mrs. C. Marquez-Lim, Mrs. A. Mayhre, Mr. J. Namenwirth, Dr. and Mrs. William W. Pettus, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Pigott, Miss H. Pujalte, Mr. L. Smith, Mrs. K. T. Tsai, Mr. J. Turton, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Villanueva, Mr. Lincoln Wang, Miss B. Waters, Mr. J. W. Webber, Mr. C. S. Yang, Mr. A. Zarmora.

IN TRANSIT

In transit through the Colony for distant ports on the same American liner were a total of 114 passengers:—

Mrs. K. Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Barrett, Mrs. V. G. Bowden, Miss J. Campbell, Mrs. B. D. Christensen, Mrs. F. E. Church, Mr. G. R. Coleman, Mrs. E. A. Dalton, Miss M. Dalton, Mrs. E. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. de Grot, Miss H. A. de Mott, Mrs. M. Deltz, Mrs. R. L. Davis, Mr. H. Ebury.

Mrs. D. S. Evans and two sons, Mrs. H. Gwelly, Mr. J. B. Grieve, Mr. W. Hallock, Mrs. E. B. Hees, Miss E. A. Hess, Mrs. V. Hunnicutt, Miss Hvostova, Miss M. Liston, Mr. and Mrs. L. Macias, Miss L. Macias.

Mrs. C. Mastio, and son, Miss F. Mastio, Mr. H. A. McComb, Mrs. G. L. McEntee, Mrs. F. J. Novitski and son, Mrs. F. C. Nyland, Miss J. Nyland, Mrs. E. M. Osborne, Mrs. H. Perrell, Mr. B. Sakai, Mr. S. Sassa, Miss A. Tspiris, Mrs. H. A. Walstrom.

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Mrs. A. C. Davis, Mr. F. de la Cantera, Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Dorrity, Mr. B. Dunn, Miss E. G. Griffin, Mrs. V. Hansen and son, Mrs. C. G. Heinrich and son, Miss O. Heinrich, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lapham, Miss J. Lapham, Master J. Lapham, Miss J. Lapham, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Livingston and son, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. McLoughlin.

Miss G. Poston, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Pramoj and two sons, Mr. J. R. Peck, Dr. R. S. Poos, U. S. N., Miss C. E. Pope, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Raver, Miss H. W. Raymond, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Roehr, Mrs. G. J. Sheehan and son, Mr. E. T. Ruffner, Mrs. M. Terry, Mr. and Mrs. W. Triska, U. S. N., Miss S. Triska, Mr. S. G. Turner.

ARRIVALS

Seven passengers disembarked in Hongkong from another American ship yesterday. They were:—

Mr. Alfredo Carmelo, Consul of Mexico in Philippines, Miss Concepcion Carmelo, Miss Maxima Concepcion, Mr. and Mrs. Mahomed Fazalbhoy, Mr. Virgilio Gonzales, Lillian Johnstone.

IN TRANSIT

In transit were twenty-five passengers on the same ship:—

Mr. and Mrs. E. Green, Miss H. Green, Miss M. Green, Mr. and Mrs. C. Manson, Mr. and Mrs. I. Mayfield, Mr. and Mrs. F. Myers, Mrs. A. Rogers, Mr. S. Sandberg, Elizabeth Sargent, Mr. J. Sheridan, Mr. and Mrs. E. Smith and daughter, Katherine Thompson, Mrs. M. Toomey, Mr. and Mrs. R. Morrison and son, Mrs. K. Youngblood.

Germans Attempt To Send Reliefs To Narvik By Sea

PARIS, May 19 (Reuter).—An attempt by the Germans to re-leave Narvik by sea from Trondheim has been repulsed. German transports have been sunk or captured by Allied warships, stated a dispatch from the Narvik front.

Refugees arriving at the Swedish frontier says the superiority of the Allied air forces in the Narvik area over the Germans is very marked. In the course of an air battle several German machines were brought down.

There is now only one way by which the Germans might escape from Narvik towards the Swedish frontier and this hole is likely to be blocked by the Allies at any moment. The town itself is virtually in the hands of the Allies.

North of the town the Allies are pursuing the German in the direction of the frontier.

Allied pressure on the town grows stronger daily. Naval units maintain a steady bombardment and aeroplanes fly over the town continuously.

HEALTH RETURNS

Thirty-two cases of tuberculosis, one of small-pox (imported), one of diphtheria, three of enteric fever, three of measles, two of cerebro-spinal fever, ten of dysentery and one of puerperal fever were notified to the Health authorities on Friday.

EASTERN PORTS

The Health bulletin of Eastern ports of the week ending May 11 is as follows:—

Cholera: Basselin 30 cases, Calcutta 87, Rangoon 2. Small-pox: Jodhpur 1 death, Allahabad 5 cases, Badagara 2, Delhi 10, Bombay 61, Calcutta 41, Karachi 2, Madras 3, Rangoon 6, Okha 1, Porbandar 4 deaths, Veraval 6 cases, Macao 37, Hongkong 5, Shanghai 2.

SNATCHER CAUGHT

Sentences totalling 12 months' hard labour were imposed on Tsang Kuen, 39, unemployed, when he appeared before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Court yesterday and pleaded guilty to the charge of aiding and abetting the offence of snatching a handbag from Mrs. Beeken on May 17, and a breach of the Deportation Ordinance.

Mrs. Beeken, of No. 11, Stanley Terrace, was standing by her car locking up the door while the defendant and another person snatched her handbag away and ran. He was chased and arrested by a private watchman.

BITTEN BY DOG

Whilst walking near Humphreys' Building yesterday afternoon, a 16-year-old youth, Sung Ping-fong, was attacked and bitten by a dog. The lad, who lived at No. 120, Shanghai Street, was given medical treatment, while the dog was sent to Mataukok for observation.

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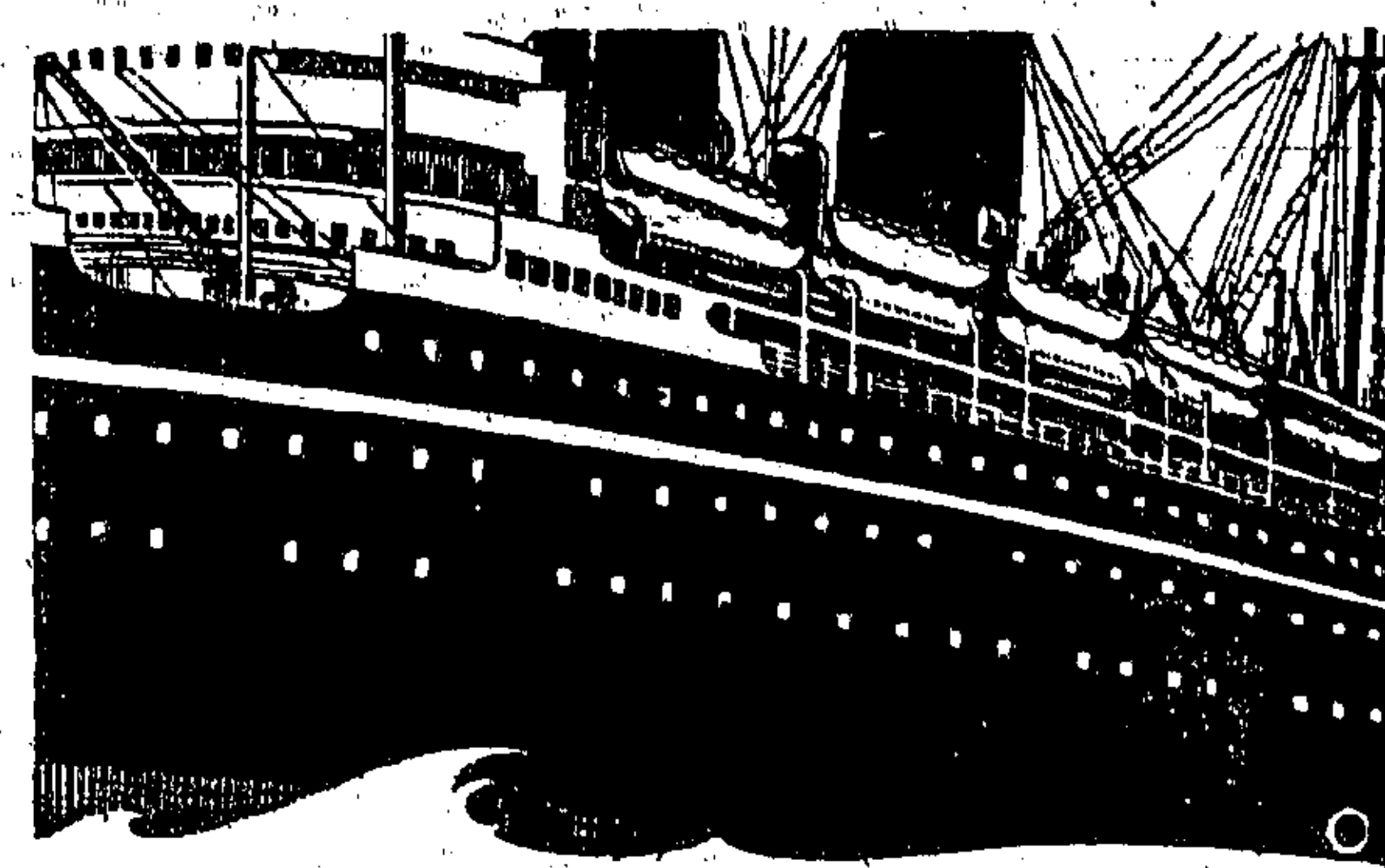
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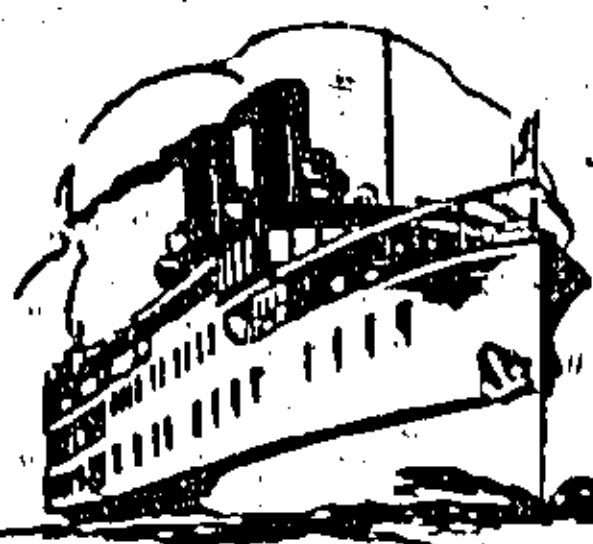
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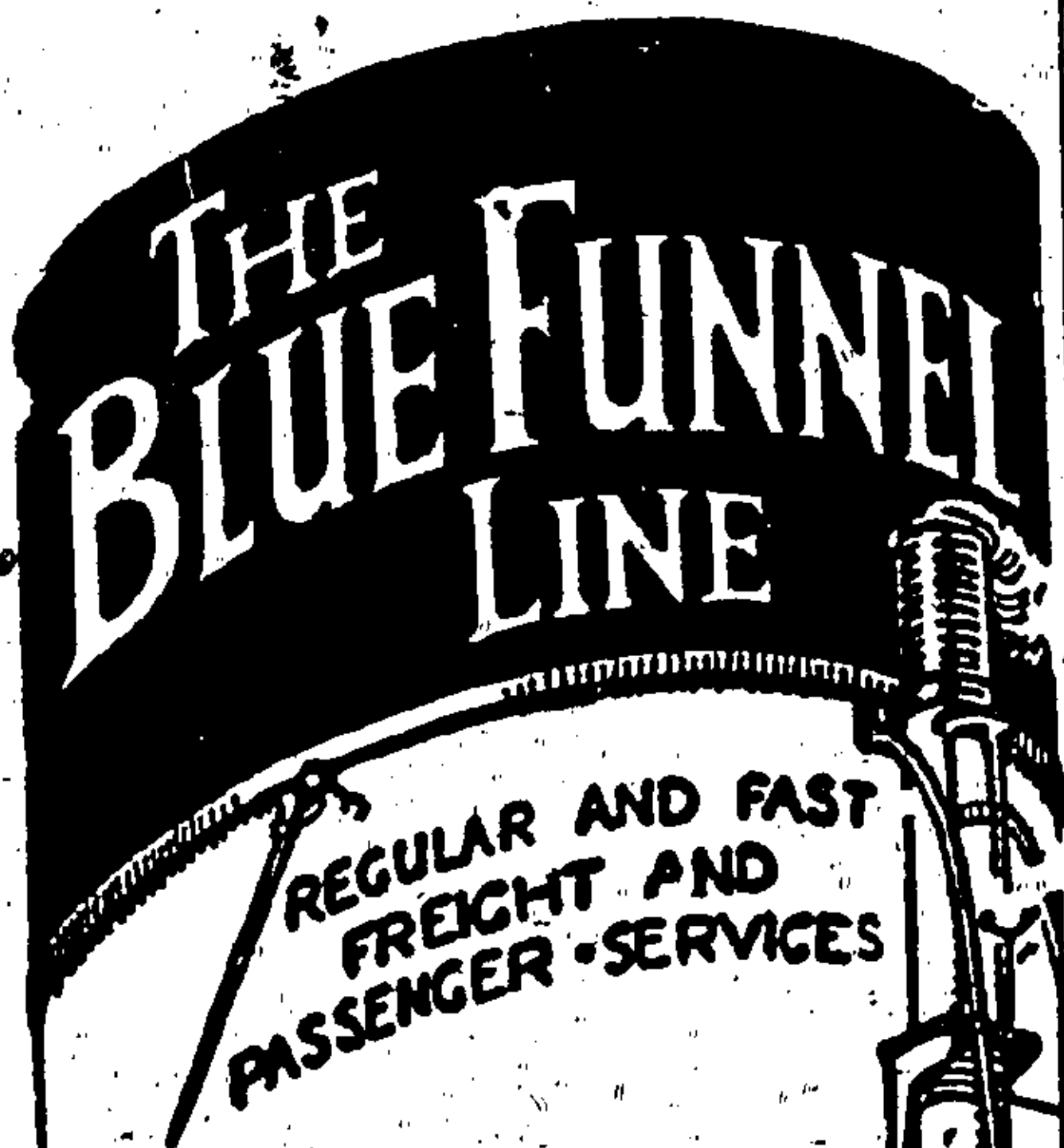
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VIOLENT BATTLE RAGING IN NORTH HUPEH AS ENEMY MAKES DESPERATE COUNTER-ATTACK IN AN EFFORT TO BREAK STEEL CORDON

CHUNGKING, MAY 19 (CENTRAL)—VIOLENT FIGHTING IS RAGING IN THE TSAOYANG SECTOR IN NORTH HUPEH, ACCORDING TO A REPORT FROM FANCHENG.

JAPANESE UNITS ISOLATED TO THE EAST, NORTH AND SOUTH OF TSAOYANG, HAVE LAUNCHED A DESPERATE COUNTER-ATTACK IN AN EFFORT TO BREAK THROUGH THE CHINESE STEEL RING. A JAPANESE DETACHMENT TO THE NORTH OF TSAOYANG HAS BEEN DRIVEN BACK BY THE CHINESE TO HUAYANG ACROSS THE NORTH HUPEH BORDER IN SOUTH HUNAN.



Pavo Nurmi, the famous Finnish runner, who is touring the United States in order to collect funds for the relief of Finnish people.

Home Soccer And Rugger Results

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter)—The following were the results of Home football (regional and cup) and rugby matches played on Saturday—

CUP (THIRD ROUND)

Fulham 2, Notts Forest 0.
Everton 1, Stoke 0.
*Huddersfield 3, West Ham 3.
*Coventry 0, West Bromwich 1.
Barnsley 0, Blackpool 1.
Arsenal 1, Birmingham 1.
Blackburn 3, Sunderland 2.
Newcastle 1, Bristol Rovers 0.
*After extra time.

REGIONAL LEAGUE

South C
Brentford 2, Charlton 1.
Southampton 3, Tottenham 3.
South D
Aldershot 1, Southend 0.
Crystal Palace 6, Bournemouth 0.
Queen's Park 4, Clapton 0.
Reading 3, Brighton 1.
Watford 0, Norwich 0.
East Midlands
Doncaster 2, Rotherham 1.
Notts County 1, Sneem 4.
Sheffield 0, Grimsby 0.
Midland
Luton 0, Leicester 1.
Wolverhampton 1, Walsall 5.
Northeastern
Bradford City 1, Middlesbrough 4.
Darlington 2, Bradford 2.
Hull 0, Hull 1.
York 2, Hartlepool 1.
Western
Chester 4, Liverpool 0.
Manchester City 7, Port Vale 0.
New Brighton 6, Manchester U. 0.
Northwestern
Bolton 4, Accrington 1.
Preston 5, Southport 0.
Rochdale 2, Bury 3.
Barrow 5, Oldham 1.
Southwestern
Bristol City 2, Torquay 2.
Newport 5, Swindon 2.
Cardiff 2, Swansea 2.
FRIENDLY
Millwall 2, Chelsea 3.
SCOTTISH WESTERN
Airdrieonians 3, Morton 2.
Motherwell 2, Albion 1.
Partick 3, St. Mirren 1.
Queen's Park 2, Clyde 2.
Queen's Park 0, Kilmarnock 1.
Rangers 2, Hamilton 2.
EASTERN
Hibernian 2, Aberdeen 0.
Dundee 4, Falkirk 2.
Dunfermline 2, Dundee United 0.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Dewsbury 13, Castleford 5.
Hull 27, Bramley 2.
St. Helen's 11, Widnes 20.
Championship Final
Swinton 13, Bradford N. 21.
East Lancashire
Broughton 15, Salford 45.
West Lancashire
Warrington 12, Wigan 12.
Friendly
Oldham 37, Leeds 11.
CUP DRAW
LONDON, May 19 (Reuter)—The following is the draw of the fourth round of the Cup, to be played on May 25—

Fulham v. Everton.
Blackburn v. West Bromwich.
Blackpool v. Newcastle.
Huddersfield v. West Ham.
Birmingham.

Taipeingchen on the border where the Japanese field headquarters was situated has been recaptured by the Chinese. Several high Japanese army officers are reported to have been killed when the Chinese broke into the town.

With its retreat on the Sianyang-Huayuan highway cut off a Japanese unit with about 400 Japanese army lorries and 200 tanks and armoured cars has retired to the Tsiang mountain range south of Tsiang. It has been intercepted and attacked by the Chinese, sustaining considerable losses.

Another Japanese unit which fled to Changchiatzi also in the Tsiang mountain range was routed by the Chinese in a fierce attack during a rainstorm on Thursday night. Sixteen Japanese soldiers were taken prisoner and hundreds of Japanese horses and mules were captured.

TRAINLOADS OF DEAD
Reports from north Hunan indicate that the Japanese have suffered heavily in Chinese attacks at the Japanese outer defence points of Yoyang in the past days. Trainloads of Japanese dead and wounded are said to have been sent back to Wuchang.

On Thursday night, Chinese troops made another successful attack at Yangtze on the Canton-Hankow Railway, 38 miles northeast of Yoyang. They broke through the Japanese defence lines, set fire to two Japanese supply depots, and captured a Japanese soldier. Over 100 casualties were inflicted upon the Japanese. Last night the Chinese also broke through the Japanese lines at Tsiang, a small town 18 miles to the southeast of Yoyang.

LAWN BOWLS

Continued From Page 2

H. Freeman, J. W. Hudson, G. G. Wood, T. M. File (skip) 21. Total: 74.

C.C.C.: A. Hung, M. A. Baptista, S. R. Solina, G. S. Ladd (skip) 10; J. P. Lee, F. A. Petersen, C. W. Lam, N. P. Karanjia (skip) 14; E. McNay, H. G. Foreman, F. X. Delgado, A. E. S. Alves (skip) 17. Total: 41.

H.K.C.C. SPRING SURPRISE
At Chatham Road, Hongkong Cricket Club beat Kowloon Football Club by 7 shots—

K.F.C.: B. Thomson, B. Williams, Y. Abbas, J. Smalley (skip) 17; J. Boyd, J. Moodie, G. Frost, P. Morgan (skip) 14; C. Woodcock, S. Wong, C. Fuller, B. Evans (skip) 18. Total: 49.

H.K.C.C.: W. A. Cornall, E. S. Doughty, W. A. Cruickshank, A. McKellar (skip) 19; W. J. Hansen, F. D. Angus, A. S. Mitchell, R. A. Edwards (skip) 22; B. J. Lacon, L. E. N. Ryan, P. S. Cassidy, R. H. Wild (skip) 15. Total: 58.

UP ON ALL RINKS
At Happy Valley, Kowloon Bowling Green Club beat Hongkong Football Club by 17 shots—

H.K.F.C.: A. Watson, B. I. Bickford, C. F. Needham, G. E. Stephens (skip) 19; H. H. Beddoe, T. R. Rowell, J. L. Barnes, S. H. Strange (skip) 15; F. P. Anslow, C. G. Solis, B. A. Mansell, H. G. Wallington (skip) 18. Total: 52.

K.B.G.C.: F. Wilkinson, W. Organ, S. Hammond, J. Dinnen (skip) 20; H. C. Spong, C. E. Langley, P. A. Peckham, L. Jordan (skip) 24; F. Scard, S. Walker, C. Wallis, K. C. Hamilton (skip) 25. Total: 69.

WASHINGTON, May 19 (Reuter)—The Anglo-French Purchasing Mission states a substantial number of aircraft purchased in the United States have already been delivered, and delivery of the remainder is proceeding according to schedule.

PARIS, May 19 (Reuter)—A decree creates new Territorial Guards to protect rear areas from activities like parachutists. Frenchmen over 18 exempted from military service are eligible.

The charity football game between the Eastern Athletic Association and the Combined Services, which was to have played on the Navy Recreation Club ground yesterday afternoon, was cancelled.



Sir Percy Loraine, the British Ambassador in Rome.

MINDANAO BEAT TULSA

At the Hongkong Bowling Alleys yesterday evening U. S. S. Mindanao defeated U. S. S. Tulsa by 107 pins in a five-men, three-game duck pin match.

Cpl. Blount and S. E. Wilkins, of the Royal Corps of Signals, deputised for J. T. Sheehan and D. M. Keplinger, of the Mindanao. Scores were as follows:—

MINDANAO—H. Blount 387, J. W. Davis 296, E. L. Emerson 238, A. R. Wilkins 257, R. E. Skiver 254. Total, 1,442.

TULSA—M. J. Green 293, C. T. Christiansen 288, J. A. Vasko 266, W. F. Barney 290, W. H. Hofman 248. Total, 1,335.

YACHT RACING

Royal Hongkong Yacht Club's Sweepstake race over 8.20 miles on Saturday resulted as follows:—

Yacht	Corrected	Pos'n
Artemis	5:07.37	1
(Mr. G. G. Wood)		
Siskin	5:12.56	2
(Mr. D. Humphreys)		
True Blue	5:13.17	3
(Mr. K. A. Watson)		
Scandia	5:16.42	4
(Mr. K. K. Jaer)		
Joss	5:16.54	5
(Capt. G. E. Neve)		
Guri	5:18.11	6
(Mr. S. K. Heiberg)		
Wendy	5:18.53	7
(Mr. H. W. Browne)		
Widgeon	5:23.24	8
(Mr. P. P. MacCabe)		

PUPPET TROOPS DISARMED

LOYANG, May 19 (Central)—About 500 puppet troops under the command of Tsui Pei-teh and Chiao Kwo-chih stationed at Shunteh otherwise known as Ying-tai, important railway town 67 miles south of Shihchiachwang on the Peking-Hankow Railway, were recently disarmed by the Japanese for unknown reasons.

Tsui Pei-teh is under detention while the fate of Chiao Kwo-chih is unknown.

GEN. LI TSUNG-JEN

General Hwang Hsu-chu, Chairman of the Kwangsi Provincial Government, and other high Kwangsi officials have jointly addressed a telegram to General Li Tsung-jen, Commander-in-Chief of the Kwangsi forces, who is directing operations on the Hupeh-Honan front, congratulating him on the Chinese victory there.

The telegram said that the morale of the Chinese troops and people has been greatly heightened by the success. (Central News)

LONDON, May 19 (Reuter)—Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands on Friday visited an English south coast naval port where she inspected Dutch warships and personnel. She also inspected the British naval establishment.

BERLIN, May 19 (Reuter)—Admiral Raeder, Commander-in-Chief of the German Navy, has visited Norway where he inspected coastal, land and sea defences. He also visited Trondheim.

PARIS, May 19 (Reuter)—The Dutch Minister in Pretoria has handed the keys of the German Legation to the Spanish Consul in Capetown who has been instructed by his Government to take charge of German interests in the Union.

The fortnightly meeting of the Urban Council will be held tomorrow at 4.15 p.m. when routine business will be dealt with.

FOREIGN MAILS

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Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

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Straits	21st May
Haiphong and Ho-how	21st May
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Shanghai and Amoy	22nd May
Canton	22nd May
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Straits	22nd May
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Japan and Manila	23rd May
Sandakan	24th May
Japan	24th May
Canton	24th May
Japan	24th May
Japan and Manila	24th May
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 18th May	26th May
Manila	26th May
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan (San Francisco date, 18th April)	26th May
Australia and Manila	26th May
Haiphong	27th May
Japan and Shanghai	27th May
Calcutta and Straits	28th May
Java and Manila	28th May
Canton	29th May
Japan	30th May

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For	Date and Time
MONDAY	Mon. 20th
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A. Central and South America and Canada via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada)	Reg. 9.15 AM Ord. 10.00 AM 10.30 AM
Canton	Noon
Parcels only for Haiphong	2.00 PM
Haiphong	6.30 PM
Saigon	6.30 PM
Canton	7.00 PM
Fort Bayard, and Ho-how	7.00 PM
Shanghai	7.00 PM
TUESDAY	Tue. 21st
U.S.A., Central and South America and Canada via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada)	Reg. 9.15 AM Ord. 10.00 AM 10.30 AM
Parcels only for Haiphong	2.00 PM
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa	K.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"	G.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 7.00 PM
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"	K.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A. by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"	Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 7.00 PM
WEDNESDAY	Wed. 22nd
Amoy and Shanghai	Noon
Airmail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"	Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 7.00 PM
Sandakan	7.00 PM
Straits	7.00 PM
FRIDAY	Fri. 24th
Canton	7.15 AM
Shanghai	9.00 AM
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	10.30 AM
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Reg. 11.15 AM Ord. Noon
Tourane, Saigon and Bangkok	Noon
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mombasa, Belra, Lourenco Marques, East and South Africa	Noon
Parcels only for Tientsin	Noon
SATURDAY	Sat. 25th
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"	Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
MONDAY	Mon. 27th
Haiphong	8.00 AM
Parcels 3.00 PM Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM	
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Suez and London via Long-Sea-Route	Parcels 3.00 PM Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 7.00 PM
TUESDAY	Tue. 28th
Swatow and Shanghai	8.30 AM

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